

Board Meeting
June 9, 2011

RENAME THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES IN
EARTH, SOCIETY, AND ENVIRONMENT, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND
SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Rename the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Earth, Society, and Environment, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Interim Vice President, University of Illinois, and Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to rename the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Earth, Society, and Environment as the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Earth, Society, and Environmental Sustainability.

The proposed name most accurately reflects the academic content of the major. The name is better understood by potential students of the program and external audiences. The degree is focused on the interconnectedness of environmental, economic, and social systems of the world; the implications of our actions on the environment; factors that determine the sustainability of human institutions, organizations, cultures, and technologies; finding solutions through innovative approaches; and expanding future options by practicing environmental stewardship. Following the classical definition of

sustainability, the aim is to develop citizens, businesses, and societies that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.