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TRANSFER THE HORTICULTURE PROGRAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, COLLEGE OF  
AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, AND THE  
GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Approve the Transfer of the Horticulture Program from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences to the Department of Crop Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College to transfer the Horticulture Program from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences to the Department of Crop Sciences.

The transfer of the Horticulture Program will strengthen and benefit both the Horticulture and Crop Sciences programs, as well as the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, and position each unit for sustaining long-term excellence through the synergy of program development and enhancement in the merged unit.

The synergy will bring visibility of programs in Horticulture and other aspects of plant sciences and related areas to potential undergraduate and graduate

students, to the stakeholders of the College, to the peer institutions and their faculty, and to the communities that support the College. A more focused mission of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, along with the opportunity to enlist appropriate leadership, will further strengthen the College.

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.