

Board Meeting
March 13, 2007

ESTABLISH SCHOOL OF EARTH, SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT, COLLEGE
OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Approve the Establishment of the School of Earth, Society and Environment, in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends for approval a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish the School of Earth, Society and Environment.

The proposed School, which will include the departments of Atmospheric Sciences, Geography, and Geology, has the potential to greatly improve the University's stature and performance in research and teaching related to the earth sciences and their interactions with society and the environment. The School will serve as an intellectual focus for research and education in environmental studies and policy within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; help foster productive collaborations concerning these topics with units in other colleges; and present common interests to the higher administration and campus.

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 the Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

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