

Board Meeting
March 14, 2019

ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL
COMMUNICATIONS, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Communications,
College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) to eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Communications.

Elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Communications (B.S. in AGCM) is sought as part of the reorganization and renaming of the Agricultural Education Program and the Agricultural Communications Program, which is described in a companion action item and will result in a program called the Agricultural, Leadership, Education, and Communications Program. Another companion action item requests establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications (B.S. in ALEC). The proposed B.S. in ALEC essentially offers a revised version of the B.S. in AGCM, capitalizing on the synergy created by combining

and reorganizing the Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Education Programs into the Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications Program.

Students currently enrolled in the B.S. in AGCM will have the option to complete their program and earn this degree, or they may choose to transfer into the B.S. in ALEC and complete the new requirements.

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 Executive Vice President and 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.