ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine

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 Veterinary Medicine to eliminate the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine.

The College of Veterinary Medicine historically admitted a select group of students into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program who had not completed an undergraduate degree. Professional and institutional accreditation evolved such that awarding of a doctoral degree (DVM) without completion of an undergraduate degree was not permitted. The Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) was created to be awarded after the second year of the DVM program to those students who needed an undergraduate degree to meet that requirement. Subsequently, professional and institutional accreditation standards were reevaluated and dictated the practice of awarding two University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign degrees (the BVM after two years and the DVM after four) in the same curriculum was no longer permissible. As a
result, the BVM has had no enrollment or degrees awarded for over 20 years, and the
College of Veterinary Medicine has no intent to enroll students or award degrees in the
BVM in the foreseeable future.

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.