

Board Meeting
March 15, 2017

ELIMINATE THE WATER RESOURCE CENTER, OFFICE OF THE VICE
CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH, URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Water Resource Center, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research

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 Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to eliminate the Water Resource Center.

The Water Resource Center (WRC) remains on the IBHE program inventory as a permanent-status center or institute in spite of having no independent activity in at least six years. WRC exists under the umbrella of the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Program, which is housed in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences' Extension program. Though now under this umbrella and not existing independently, the WRC was never formally removed from the IBHE inventory. There are no dollars, faculty, staff, or students associated with the WRC (the association is via the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Program), and the IBHE inventory needs to be updated to remove it; hence this proposal to formally eliminate the WRC.

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.