

Board Meeting
March 23, 2011

RENAME THE INSTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY,
OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH, URBANA

Action: Rename the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Interim Vice President/Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to rename the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability as the Prairie Research Institute.

The proposed name is parallel to similar institutes such as the Great Lakes Research Institute and the Desert Research Institute. The name gives the diverse, collective research activities represented in this institute an appropriate geographical context and is unique within the University but with a connection to the State.

The rationale is varied and broadly supports a change to assure the long term visibility and recognition of the home of the State Scientific Surveys at the University of Illinois. In addition, the new name more accurately reflects the Institute's responsibility for cultural resources as overseen by the Illinois State Archeological Survey.

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.