

Board Meeting
March 26, 2008

ESTABLISH THE CENTER FOR COGNITIVE MEDICINE,
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Establishment of the Center for Cognitive Medicine, College of Medicine, Chicago

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Interim Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Medicine, recommends the establishment of a new center, the Center for Cognitive Medicine.

The Center's mission is to develop new knowledge about the cognitive problems caused by brain disorders and normal aging, and to apply the scientific discoveries to improve the treatment and prevention of disease.

Neuropsychiatric disorders comprise five of the ten greatest causes of functional disability across the world. Cognitive deficits associated with these disorders are the best established cause of this disability. The Center is designed to provide organization and interdepartmental cohesion for a diverse group of faculty interested in the causes, treatment, and prevention of disturbances in cognition over the life span. A primary aim is to integrate the efforts of basic neuroscience investigators working with animal models with the efforts of clinical investigators. The Center's mission is to achieve a better understanding of cognitive deficits in aging and a variety of brain

disorders, to develop and test new treatment strategies to improve the health of the population, and to reduce personal and fiscal burdens of brain disorders on society.

The scientific diversity of the Center faculty across disciplines and departments reflects the breadth of neuroscience-related academic activity across the Chicago campus. The Center has 32 core faculty members with primary appointments in six departments across four Colleges.

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.