

Board Meeting
March 26, 2008

REDESIGNATE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES,
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Redesignation of the Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies as the Bachelor of Science in Architecture, College of Architecture and the Arts, Chicago

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Interim Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Architecture and the Arts recommends approval to redesignate the Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies as the Bachelor of Science in Architecture, College of Architecture and the Arts, Chicago.

The Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies began in 1994 as an architectural concentration within a liberal arts degree; coursework was split between architectural classes (68 credit hours) and general education classes (57 credit hours) with the underlying understanding that many students would pursue directions other than architecture upon graduation. As a result of a series of program changes since 1994, the program is now aimed primarily at students who intend to become architects.

Accordingly, students currently take 84 credit hours of architectural coursework and 46 credit hours of general education coursework, for a total of 130 credit hours. When compared to architecture programs at the Chicago campus's regional competition--all of which award the Bachelor of Science in Architecture--the existing Bachelor of Arts

program at Chicago is the most rigorous in its overall demands for architectural coursework. In particular, the Chicago campus requires more architectural studio work than the other programs, and substantially more art/architectural history and architectural theory as well. The proposed designation change is intended to more accurately articulate the content and position of the program in contemporary architectural education.

The degree requirements for the program will remain the same.

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.