

Board Meeting  
March 26, 2008

## REDESIGNATE POLITICAL STUDIES PROGRAMS, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Redesignate the Undergraduate and Graduate Political Studies Programs to Political Science, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Springfield with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends approval of the redesignation of the undergraduate and graduate Political Studies Programs to Political Science in the College of Public Affairs and Administration.

In addition to the program name change, the associated degree names will also change. The Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies will become the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. The Master of Arts in Political Studies will become the Master of Arts in Political Science, and the undergraduate minor in Political Studies will become an undergraduate minor in Political Science.

The American Political Science Association defines political science as “the study of governments, public policies and political processes, systems and political behavior; and political science subfields include political theory, political philosophy, political ideology, political economy, policy studies and analysis, comparative politics, international relations, and a host of related fields.” Because this description fits the

objectives and curriculum content of the program, the proposed name will align the department with the traditional title of the discipline.

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 Senate 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.