

Board Meeting
May 11, 2017

TRANSFER THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN AND GENDER
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH, CHICAGO

Action: Transfer the Center for Research on Women and Gender from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Faculty Senate, Vice Chancellor for Research, and Dean of the College of Medicine, recommends the transfer of the Center for Research on Women and Gender (CRWG) from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to the College of Medicine.

The Center for Research on Women and Gender was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education as a permanent center in 1992 with the mission of promoting collaborative, multidisciplinary research related to women and gender, with an emphasis on work, health, and culture. Women's health and sex/gender differences research have been primary foci of the CRWG since its founding. In 1998, UIC was designated a National Center of Excellence in Women's Health by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health. The Center for Excellence in Women's Health is housed within the CRWG, and has been a catalyst for improved clinical services, expanded interdisciplinary women's health research, promotion of

leadership and mentoring for women in the health sciences and women's health researchers, and expanded community-based research to improve women's health. Since 2007, the CRWG has received funding from the National Institutes of Health to support junior faculty conducting women's health research. In addition, the CRWG is home to the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program, which supports pre-college and undergraduate women pursuing and graduating in science, technology, engineering, and math disciplines.

Discussions about the transfer of the CRWG began in September 2016.

Following a series of conversations to address the benefits and costs of the transfer, all parties agreed the transfer will ensure the CRWG can continue to maintain and expand its research and operations. The College of Medicine offers the CRWG multiple opportunities for collaboration related to funding, something that is not available through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. In addition, the College of Medicine can provide information technology support to provide expertise and the expansion of the CRWG's computing abilities and website. The units have articulated and agreed upon guidelines for how the transfer impacts personnel, sponsored project activities, financial operations, and space.

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.