

Board Meeting
May 16, 2019

ESTABLISH THE LEMANN CENTER FOR BRAZILIAN STUDIES AS A
PERMANENT CENTER, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES,
URBANA

Action: Establish the Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies as a Permanent Center,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish the Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies as a permanent center.

Created with temporary status in 2009 as the Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies, this proposal seeks permanent status under the revised name Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies. The unit was established through an endowment gift by Jorge Palo Lemann. This endowment provides annual income support for the unit, allowing it to perform a campus-wide mission of supporting research in Brazilian Studies, research collaboration between University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign faculty, and collaborators in Brazil, scholarships for Brazilian students to attend the university, and programming in Brazilian Studies. The unit has recently increased its capacity in these areas through a new endowment gift, income from an annual charitable fund, and grants

and cost-matching awards from the Brazilian Federal Government, Sao Paulo Research Foundation, and the Lemann Foundation. Thus, the financial stability is well in place to seek permanent status.

The revision of the unit's name to the Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies coincides with its move, along with other international area studies centers and thematic programs, into a new Illinois Global Institute, which was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education on April 5, 2019. The revised name more closely conforms to university unit naming conventions.

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.