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REDESIGNATE DEPARTMENT OF CELL AND STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY AS
DEPARTMENT OF CELL AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY AND
REDESIGNATE THE CORRESPONDING PH.D. DEGREE, URBANA

Action: Approve the Redesignation of the Department of Cell and Structural Biology as the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology and Redesignation of the Corresponding Ph.D. Degree, Urbana

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellor Designate at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends for approval a proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to redesignate the Department of Cell and Structural Biology as the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology and to redesignate the corresponding Ph.D. Degree.

The Cell and Structural Biology Department was founded in the late 1980s with a mission focused on eukaryotic cell biology. The “Structural Biology” part of the name was included with hopes that the department would grow in the area of structural analysis of large macromolecular complexes and cellular organelles. In the past 15 years the department has grown significantly, building strengths in basic eukaryotic cell biology, eukaryotic molecular genetics, development, and neurobiology, but not in structural biology. The area of cellular structural biology is not a major current or future focus of the department. The new name will better represent the department’s mission

and representation both internally, within the University, and externally to prospective graduate students and faculty candidates.

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 in this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.