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## ELIMINATE THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHEMICAL PHYSICS, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Eliminate the Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Physics, College of

Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

**Funding:** No funding impact is expected.

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois System with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to eliminate the Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Physics.

The Ph.D. in Chemical Physics, administered jointly by the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Physics, has always had low enrollments, and Ph.D. students are served equally well or better by either the regular Chemistry Ph.D. program or the Physics Ph.D. program. There is currently no enrollment, and formal elimination is sought at this time.

As there has been historically low enrollment and no enrollment in recent years, there is no impact on funding, facilities, libraries, or technology.

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 Interim 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 of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.