

Board Meeting
May 20, 2010

RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY MEDICAL SCIENCES -
VETERINARY BIOSCIENCES AND RENAME THE MASTER OF SCIENCE AND
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES, COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE,
URBANA

Action: Rename the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences - Veterinary Biosciences and Rename the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees, College of Veterinary Medicine

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine to rename the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences - Veterinary Biosciences as the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences - Comparative Biosciences and rename the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Veterinary Medical Sciences – Veterinary Biosciences as the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees Veterinary Medical Sciences – Comparative Biosciences.

The Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences - Comparative Biosciences reflects more accurately the mission of the department within the University and externally to biomedical funding agencies, prospective graduate students and faculty candidates. In the past 20 years research in the department has increasingly focused on comparative biomedical research with particular emphasis on the relevance to issues spanning human and animal health. Currently, the department comprises twenty faculty

members whose research interests include the effects of environmental toxicants on animal and human cognition, circadian rhythms, endocrine function, and ecosystem health. The majority of funding originates from sources whose primary interest is human disease, such as the National Institutes of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Defense, and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

The teaching mission of the department will not be affected by the name change; however, it is requested that the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy reflect the name change as well. The change maintains the identity while recognizing the diversity, which will increase our ability to compete for biomedical research funding and to develop a stronger graduate training program as well as facilitate interactions with other units on campus.

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 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.