

Board Meeting
May 20, 2010

REORGANIZE THE GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM, COLLEGE
OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Reorganize the Gender and Women's Studies Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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 Liberal Arts and Sciences to reorganize the Gender and Women's Studies Program as the Department of Gender and Women's Studies.

The Gender and Women's Studies Program has been in existence for more than 20 years. The unit has nine full time faculty. The program has offered an undergraduate minor since 1987, a graduate minor since 1993, and an undergraduate major since 2003. There are currently a total of 78 courses in Gender and Women's Studies, 28 of which are controlled by the unit. Formalizing the program as an academic department within the University will reflect the operation as an autonomous academic unit.

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.