

Approved by the Board of Trustees
May 21, 2020

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RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERING,
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

Action: Rename the Department of Civil and Materials Engineering, College of Engineering and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate, College of Engineering, and the Graduate College recommends the renaming of the Department of Civil and Materials Engineering as the Department of Civil, Materials and Environmental Engineering.

The new name reflects the environmental engineering and sustainability research that is currently conducted by almost a dozen faculty with the help of graduate and undergraduate students. Courses in environmental engineering and related topics exist across the curricula, and environmental engineering and water resources is one of the emphasis areas with the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. The department also offers an undergraduate Minor in Environmental Engineering. The name change is expected to benefit the recruitment of faculty and students, and will reflect the name of peer departments which already incorporate “environmental” into their names.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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.