

Board Meeting
May 22, 2008

REDESIGNATE ALL DEGREES IN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Approve the Redesignation of All Degrees in Agricultural Engineering to Agricultural and Biological Engineering, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, College of Engineering, and the Graduate College, Urbana

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 Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, College of Engineering, and the Graduate College to redesignate all degrees in Agricultural Engineering as Agricultural and Biological Engineering.

Following a trend in the agricultural engineering profession over the past decade, a process of change was instituted in the department to provide greater visibility to the biological emphasis that has been a substantial part of the profession from the beginning. With a commitment to a biological focus in the Agricultural Engineering degree program, a name change to Agricultural and Biological Engineering is a logical and justifiable progression. The department name was changed to Agricultural and Biological Engineering in 2003.

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.