

Board Meeting
May 22, 2008

REDESIGNATE GRADUATE INDIVIDUAL OPTION DEPARTMENT AND
DEGREE TITLE, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Redesignate the Graduate Individual Option Department as the Department of Liberal and Integrative Studies; Redesignate the Master of Arts in Individual Option as the Master of Arts in Liberal and Integrative Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Springfield with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends approval of renaming the Individual Option Department to the Department of Liberal and Integrative Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

In addition to the program name change, the associated degree name will also change. The Master of Arts in Individual Option will become the Master of Arts in Liberal and Integrative Studies.

Renaming the Individual Option Department to the Department of Liberal and Integrative Studies will improve name recognition nationally and ally the graduate program more closely to the undergraduate (Liberal Studies) program while maintaining the distinctiveness of each. The department and degree name change will distinguish the graduate degree while making it easier for students looking for liberal studies graduate degrees to find the degree at the Springfield 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.