

Board Meeting
May 29, 2013

REORGANIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Reorganize the Department of Computer Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the concurrence of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, and with the advice of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends approval to reorganize the Department of Computer Science from its present structure of a department organized with a chair to a department organized with a head.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 4, of the University of Illinois *Statutes*, the Department of Computer Science voted on December 11, 2012, to change their mode of governance from a chairpersonship to a headship. All full-time faculty members in the department voted in favor of changing the governance structure.

After conferring with the department and verifying the department vote, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends a change from department chair to department head. The Department of Computer Science has demonstrated a strong capacity for productive planning and resource management, as

well as ongoing interest in establishing beneficial professional partnerships with external units and in undertaking significant initiatives for program development and growth. The specified change in governance structure will provide the Department with strong and stable structural leadership, which is appropriate for and beneficial to the advancement of a department of its size and complexity.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all materials 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 President of the University recommends approval.