

Board Meeting
May 31, 2012

REORGANIZE THE SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN,
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Reorganization of the Existing School of Art and Design to form the School of Design and the Department of Art, College of Architecture and the Arts

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois, and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Architecture and the Arts, recommends the reorganization of the existing School of Art and Design to form the School of Design and the Department of Art, College of Architecture and the Arts.

The College of Architecture and the Arts is proposing a reorganization of its current structure. Specifically, the existing School of Art and Design will be separated into the new School of Design, which will be organized with a director; and the new Department of Art which will be organized with a chair. The existing Department of Art History and the Department of Art will comprise the new School of Art and Art History.

The School of Design will be one of the new schools established within the college. It will include both graphic design and industrial design program areas. The proposed School of Design seeks to increase the visibility of the UIC design programs

and to realize the Chicago campus' full potential for design education in an urban setting notable for design achievement. The increase in visibility and gained autonomy in curricular planning will enable the School of Design to increase enrollment and foster a broader range of interaction with disciplines and communities beyond the school.

Professional practices of design are distinct from art practices. Professional artists primarily engage in independent practices in association with patrons, collectors, galleries, and museums. Professional designers primarily engage in team-based practices--partnering with other disciplinary experts to advance corporate, social, and cultural innovation.

The Chicago campus' design programs currently exist alongside of well-established and celebrated art programs. The Department of Art, which will be housed within the School of Art and Art History, will unite with the Department of Art History to promote the interdisciplinarity of the visual arts within all three areas of history, theory, and practice.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

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 President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.