

Board Meeting  
January 19, 2017

RENAME THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, URBANA

**Action:** Rename the Bachelor of Science in Information Systems/Information Technology, College of Business

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Business to rename the Bachelor of Science in Information Systems/Information Technology.

The College of Business is proposing to rename the undergraduate major from “Information Systems/Information Technology” to “Information Systems.” Information Systems/Information Technology causes confusion for recruiters and prospective students. Over the last two to three decades, the title of the same major has evolved in the industry and across other business schools from “Computer Information Systems” and “Management Information Systems” to either “Information Systems” or “Information Management.” Additionally, major journals in this area use the term “Information Systems” in the title, and the primary professional organization in the field is called the Association of Information Systems.

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 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.