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RENAME THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOENERGY, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Rename the Master of Science in Bioenergy, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College

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 Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College to rename the Master of Science in Bioenergy.

The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences proposes changing the name of the Master of Science in Bioenergy to the Master of Science in Bioprocessing and Bioenergy. This title better reflects the scope and content of the curriculum that students in the program are studying. Bioenergy is a relatively narrow field and can be regarded as a subset of bioprocessing. Lately, industrial activity in bioenergy is slowing while the bioprocessing industry is growing at a rapid pace. The name change more accurately captures the knowledge and skills students are already obtaining in the program and is expected to attract more students to apply, which will lead to higher enrollment and higher academic credentials of these enrolled students.

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.