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## ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS,

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in Economics, College of Business and

Management

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois System with the advice of the Springfield Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Business and Management to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

The Bachelor of Arts in Economics has been experiencing low enrollments for more than a decade and has been flagged by the Illinois Board of Higher Education as a “low producing program” for the past several years. Despite declining enrollments, Economics is central to business activity and is an essential component of an undergraduate business curriculum. To address these issues, the department has restructured the Economics program to better serve both on-ground and online students in the College of Business and Management. As part of the restructuring plan, the Bachelor of Arts in Economics will be eliminated and replaced by an Economics concentration within the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA).

Students currently enrolled in the Economics degree program will be allowed to complete the degree within allowable time limits. No additional funding is required or requested to eliminate the degree program.

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 Interim 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.