

Board Meeting
January 23, 2014

ELIMINATE THE TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT AND FACIAL PAIN
RESEARCH CENTER, COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, CHICAGO

Action: Eliminate the Temporomandibular Joint and Facial Pain Research Center,
College of Dentistry

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President,
University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Dentistry,
recommends the elimination of the Temporomandibular Joint and Facial Pain Research
Center.

The Center was established in 1963, and had National Institutes of Health
(NIH) funding and a robust research program until 1984. At that time, the NIH grant
funding ended and the Center's director left the University. Since then, the Center has
existed in name only. Although attempts have been made to revitalize the Center, the
College was unable to attract collaborators and identify new funding. In addition, the
College of Dentistry's research enterprise has evolved to focus upon wound healing and
cancer. These factors and the determination that the Center is not a viable entity in which
to invest resources have led the College to propose the formal elimination of the Center.

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 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.