

Board Meeting
January 31, 2019

REORGANIZE AND CONSOLIDATE THE DEPARTMENT OF
BIOPHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINAL
CHEMISTRY AND PHARMACOGNOSY, COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND THE
GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

Action: Reorganize and Consolidate the Department of Biopharmaceutical Sciences and the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy, College of Pharmacy and the Graduate College

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, College of Pharmacy, and the Graduate College recommends the reorganization and consolidation of the Department of Biopharmaceutical Sciences (BPS) and the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy (MCP) as the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The reorganization and consolidation will improve the College of Pharmacy's competitive positioning in terms of research, funding, and graduate training, making it a top research unit within the university and among the best in the nation. Specifically, it will enhance and modernize graduate and professional student education; facilitate research collaborations and promote translational research; reflect the changing interdisciplinary nature of pharmaceutical biomedical research; align the college's basic science education and department structure with the national model; and create

efficiencies and increase effectiveness by streamlining the organization and administration, and sharing of equipment and space.

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences will be led by a department head to be identified through a nationwide search. The new department will be comprised of 32 tenure and tenure-track faculty (11 from BPS, 21 from MCP); 38 clinical, research, and other faculty (14 from BPS, 24 from MCP); 34 staff (13 from BPS, 21 from MCP); and 96 graduate students (27 from BPS, 69 from MCP). Faculty and staff will continue to do work in translational drug discovery and increasing the understanding of drug delivery, drug action, and rational drug therapy. A shared business office will support finance, human resources, research administration, faculty support, and graduate program management tasks. It is anticipated that a proposal to consolidate three graduate programs in biopharmaceutical sciences, medicinal chemistry, and pharmacognosy will be submitted in the coming months. Additional programs in forensic science and forensic toxicology will continue with their own curricula and accreditation.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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.