Approved by the Board of Trustees

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Board Meeting

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APPROVE REVOCATION OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE,

URBANA

**Action:** Approve Revocation of Doctor of Philosophy Degree

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, requests approval of the revocation of a former student’s Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Engineering degree.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign’s Office for the Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation (OVCRI) conducted a thorough review of a matter concerning conduct by a former student pursuant to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign *Policy on Integrity in Research and Publication*. OVCRI provided the former student with appropriate due process rights, including notice, an opportunity to be heard, and an appeal. Per the *Policy on Integrity in Research and Publication*, a panel of three faculty members and one graduate student reviewed the relevant evidence and found that the former student had plagiarized portions of his dissertation and a published article. The panel recommended that the former student’s degree be revoked. The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, concurred with the panel’s findings of research misconduct and its recommendation that the student’s degree be revoked. The former student appealed this decision to the president of the University of Illinois System on procedural grounds. After review, the president of the University of Illinois System affirmed the decision and denied the appeal. The matter then was referred to the student disciplinary process to determine the proper sanction.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign’s Office for Student Conflict Resolution oversaw the disciplinary process pursuant to the relevant student disciplinary policies and procedures. The former student was provided with notice, an opportunity to be heard, and an appeal in the disciplinary process. The Subcommittee on Graduate Student Conduct found that the former student had violated provisions of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign’s Student Code and determined that the appropriate sanction was revocation of his degree. The Senate Committee on Student Discipline reviewed the matter and concurred with that determination.

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 president of the University of Illinois System concurs.