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# RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, COLLEGE OF URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

**Action:** Rename the Department of Public Administration, College of Urban

Planning and Public Affairs, and the Graduate College

**Funding:** No new funding is required, as the proposal does not impact curriculum or

staffing.

The Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and Interim Vice President, University of Illinois System with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, and the Graduate College, recommends the renaming of the Department of Public Administration.

The proposal renames the Department of Public Administration as the Department of Public Policy, Management, and Analytics, based on the unanimous vote of the faculty and the endorsement of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. It is noteworthy that this decision is based in part on feedback collected from faculty, students, staff, and other stakeholders about more than a dozen naming options.

The change reflects the fact that programs within the department have expanded over the last decade and are no longer limited to those explicitly in public administration. For example, there have been new degrees created in public policy and civic analytics, as well as new undergraduate minors, including: the Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy; the Master of Public Policy; the Master of Science in Civic Analytics; and minors in Civic Analytics, Nonprofit Management, and Public Policy. The new name also reflects both the current curriculum and the research interests of a growing faculty, as there are now 15 faculty members with diverse research interests. As such, the terms selected in the new department name are drawn directly from the department’s existing degree programs and reflect the expanded scope of the curriculum and faculty research. Finally, the renaming of the department recognizes the increasing importance of “public policy” within the field, something reflected in the names of similar programs at peer institutions.

The department name change will not have an impact on the curriculum or the name of the college, and there are no staffing or budget implications. Further, this action will not require changes in existing program requirements, course titles, or course descriptions.

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 of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.