

Board Meeting  
March 13, 2007

ESTABLISH CENTER FOR BOTANICAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS RESEARCH,  
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve the Establishment of the Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements Research, College of Pharmacy, Chicago

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Pharmacy, recommends the establishment of the Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements Research. The Center received temporary approval in 1999 from the Illinois Board of Higher Education and now seeks permanent approval.

In 1999 Congress recognized a need to provide support for researchers in the field of natural products and authorized the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to establish botanical centers to perform extensive research on the biological effects of botanicals and to perform preliminary clinical studies related to human health. The Chicago campus' botanical center was established as a training center for new scientists in the field. The Center is unique in the State of Illinois.

With continued support of the NIH, the Botanical Dietary Supplements Research Center conducts basic and applied research which begins with the verification of botanicals and extends to their chemical and biological standardization and final

formulation for use in clinical studies. Because of the extensive use of botanical dietary supplements by the American public, the ultimate goal of research in the Center is to select promising botanicals and thoroughly research them from field to use in humans as dietary supplements. It also educates the next generation of scientists and health care providers in the field of natural products as they apply to human health. The Center is a facilitator of translational research--a major goal of the campus' strategic plan.

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 University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University concurs. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.