

Board Meeting
March 14, 2019

REORGANIZE AND RENAME THE PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURAL
EDUCATION AND IN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS, COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Reorganize and Rename the Programs in Agricultural Education and in Agricultural Communications, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) to reorganize the Agricultural Education Program and the Agricultural Communications Program.

The Agricultural Education Program currently houses two programs, a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education, and a Master of Science in Agricultural Education. These programs enroll approximately 100 total students, about 60 in the undergraduate program and 40 in the graduate program. The Agricultural Communications Program currently houses a single program, the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Communications, which currently enrolls approximately 35 students. This proposal combines the two programs into a single program called the Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications (ALEC) Program, which

would house reconfigured versions of the existing majors as described in a companion action item and in companion report items.

As part of the reorganization, the existing Master of Science in Agricultural Education will be housed in the ALEC Program, with no curricular changes.

A proposal to combine these programs was approved by the Urbana-Champaign Senate in April 1992, but the merger was never completed due to college-level reconfiguration that was involved when what was then the College of Agriculture became the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Completing the merger at this time allows realization of curricular and administrative efficiencies. Additionally, the reorganization puts the university in better alignment with peer institutions such as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Texas A&M, the University of Georgia, and the University of Tennessee, all of which have administratively combined programs.

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 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.