

Board Meeting
March 15, 2012

REORGANIZE AND RENAME THE VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Reorganize and Rename the Visual Arts Department, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois, and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends approval of reorganizing and renaming the Visual Arts Department to constitute the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Currently, the Theatre Program, with a minor, is located in the Communication Department, while Music is not formally associated with any other department. Because Theatre, Music, and Visual Arts are currently separated and disconnected, students consistently report difficulty finding coursework in these areas. Reorganizing and renaming the Visual Arts Department as the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre will make the academic programs for the arts more prominent and more easily recognizable to prospective students and provide a solid foundation for continued growth. In addition, this administrative consolidation will allow the Springfield campus to continue to attract highly qualified faculty to complement current expertise and create a prominent creative arts department.

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 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.