

Board Meeting  
March 15, 2017

ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, COLLEGE OF  
VETERINARY MEDICINE, URBANA

**Action:** Eliminate the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine, College of Veterinary  
Medicine

**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 Veterinary Medicine to eliminate  
the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine.

The College of Veterinary Medicine historically admitted a select group of  
students into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program who had not completed  
an undergraduate degree. Professional and institutional accreditation evolved such that  
awarding of a doctoral degree (DVM) without completion of an undergraduate degree  
was not permitted. The Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) was created to be  
awarded after the second year of the DVM program to those students who needed an  
undergraduate degree to meet that requirement. Subsequently, professional and  
institutional accreditation standards were reevaluated and dictated the practice of  
awarding two University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign degrees (the BVM after two  
years and the DVM after four) in the same curriculum was no longer permissible. As a

result, the BVM has had no enrollment or degrees awarded for over 20 years, and the College of Veterinary Medicine has no intent to enroll students or award degrees in the BVM in the foreseeable future.

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.