

Board Meeting
March 15, 2017

ELIMINATE THE INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, OFFICE OF
THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH, URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Institute for Environmental Studies, Office of the Vice
Chancellor for Research

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 Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research
to eliminate the Institute for Environmental Studies.

The Institute for Environmental Studies (IES) remains on the IBHE
program inventory as a permanent-status center or institute in spite of having no activity
associated with IES in at least eight years. IES was last housed in the Chancellor's
portfolio in 2008, but then moved and evolved under several forms over subsequent
years. In 2013, the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) was
established, and iSEE subsumed the still remaining functions of the former IES unit.
Through this evolution, IES was never formally removed from the IBHE inventory.
There are no dollars, faculty, staff, or students associated with IES, and the IBHE
inventory needs to be updated to remove it; hence this proposal to formally eliminate it.

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.