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## RELOCATE THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Relocate the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College of

Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois System with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Public Affairs and Administration to relocate the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Currently, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) is housed in the College of Public Affairs and Administration (CPAA). A component of the academic reorganization at the University of Illinois Springfield, this proposal seeks to relocate the CCJ department to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS).

Relocating the department to CLAS will enhance CCJ’s current position as one of the most popular undergraduate degree programs at UIS by housing the department closer to a host of closely related academic units and resources. Moving the department to CLAS will provide a more fertile ground for future departmental growth and more opportunities for collaboration with faculty in humanities and social sciences. Housing the program in the CLAS will also help the department better realize its potential and its focus on issues of social injustice, racial inequality, and state-sanctioned violence throughout the curriculum and expand CCJ faculty’s teaching and scholarship as well as students’ learning and research.

The relocation of CCJ to CLAS was voted on by the Curriculum Committees of both the CLAS and the CPAA and is supported by the Deans of both Colleges.

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 Interim 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 of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.