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## RELOCATE THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY,

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Relocate the Department of Psychology, College of Health, Science, and

Technology

**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 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to relocate the Department of Psychology from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the newly-formed College of Health, Science, and Technology.

Transferring the Department of Psychology to the College of Health, Science, and Technology is based on the longstanding tenet that psychology is a field of science. This location enables the department’s mission and goals to better align with the American Psychological Association’s standards. It will enhance faculty research and student learning and increase opportunities for collaboration with other science-focused disciplines. The Department, which is overseen by a chair, currently has seven fulltime faculty members.

The relocation of the Psychology Department was voted on by the Curriculum Committee of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is supported by the Dean. An informal vote of the units proposing to be located in the newly established College of Health, Science, and Technology also supported this proposal.

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.