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## TRANSFER THE THERKILDSEN FIELD STATION AT EMIQUON AND THE FIELD STATION AT LAKE SPRINGFIELD TO THE

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

**Action:** Transfer the Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon and the Field Station at

Lake Springfield to the 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 the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to transfer the Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon and the Field Station at Lake Springfield from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the newly-formed College of Health, Science, and Technology.

Field stations serve as platforms for multiple researchers seeking to understand the environment and location in which they are embedded. In addition to research, field station sites are used for both education and outreach. The Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon (TFSE) and the Field Station at Lake Springfield (FSLS), both located on significant fresh waterways, are unique units at UIS and provide an opportunity for students to put classroom lessons, theories, and skills into practice. Students engaged in activities at the Field Stations have featured prominently in UIS marketing materials and several units on campus list the Field Stations as an asset or “point of pride.” Transferring both Field Stations to the College of Health, Science, and Technology is important for better integrating the Field Stations with science-oriented academic units and fully realizing their potential to enhance faculty teaching and scholarship as well as student learning and research. As a component of the academic reorganization at UIS, transferring the Field Stations to the new College of Health, Science, and Technology provides a great opportunity to expand and support new initiatives and to utilize these locations as hubs to connect various disciplines, particularly science-oriented departments.

The transfer of the TFSE and FSLS 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.