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ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF DESIGN IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN, COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Establish the Master of Design in Industrial Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College

**Funding:** No funding impact is expected, as the proposed program will replace an existing program.

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College to establish the Master of Design in Industrial Design (MDes in ID).

The proposed MDes in ID is a two-year, professional degree designed to replace the two-year route currently available through the Master of Fine Arts in Industrial Design (MFA in ID) program. The MFA in ID currently has two- and three-year routes, with the two-year route being professionally-oriented and the three-year route academically oriented. The MDes in ID will replace the two-year route. The establishment of the Master of Design as a professionally oriented degree in industrial design that is separate from the MFA in industrial design will avoid confusion for prospective students. Students interested in academic careers in industrial design will still be able to pursue the three-year MFA.

There is no impact on funding, facilities, libraries, or technology, as these will all simply shift from the current two-year MFA in ID to the MDes in ID.

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