

Board Meeting  
March 6, 2014

RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND  
SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Rename the Department of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends approval of renaming the Department of English as the Department of English and Modern Languages in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Changing the name of the department acknowledges the incorporation of the Modern Language program and it enhances the mission of the English department by broadening the study of language and literatures. Housing the Modern Language program, which currently contains a minor in Spanish, within the English program also provides an administrative structure that allows the chair of the combined departments to advocate for both English and Modern Languages across the campus, raising the visibility of both academic programs and improving the capacity to recruit students, particularly for the new Spanish minor. No curricular changes or additional resources are anticipated as a result of this administrative rearrangement.

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 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.