

Board Meeting
May 11, 2006

ELIMINATE PH.D. IN GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING AND GEOSCIENCES,
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Elimination of the Ph.D. in Geotechnical Engineering and Geosciences, College of Engineering, Chicago

Funding: No New State Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the Graduate College recommends the elimination of the Ph.D. in Geotechnical Engineering and Geosciences, College of Engineering, Chicago.

The predecessors to the Department of Civil and Materials Engineering and the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences established this degree at a time when the Chicago campus had no doctoral level program in geology and geosciences. Its establishment provided an appropriate program for education and research training at the highest level in geology and geosciences. Although the program is open to engineering students, it was intended primarily to serve geology students and was the Chicago campus' only Ph.D. program in this field. With the establishment of the Ph.D. program in Earth and Environmental Sciences, Geology students are adequately served in their own department, and there is no longer a need to maintain the joint program.

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, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.