

Board Meeting  
May 19, 2016

RENAME THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GENERAL ENGINEERING,  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, URBANA

**Action:** Rename the Bachelor of Science in General Engineering, College of Engineering

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Interim Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Engineering to rename the Bachelor of Science in General Engineering.

The College seeks to rename the degree as the Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering and Design to more accurately reflect the curriculum and to better convey the depth and breadth of the education that students in the program receive. “Systems Engineering and Design” is more highly recognizable and accepted among employers who do not have a category for “General Engineering.” Additionally, a name change permits the program to be accredited by the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) as a Systems Engineering and Design program; there is no common accreditation body for General Engineering degree programs. Finally, the Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, which houses this degree, has historically

had a strong design component, and merging the concepts of design into systems engineering provides a timely, novel, and important degree focus.

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.