

Board Meeting
May 20, 2010

REORGANIZE THE LATINA/LATINO STUDIES PROGRAM,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Reorganize the Latina/Latino Studies Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to reorganize the Latina/Latino Studies Program as the Department of Latina/Latino Studies.

The Latina/Latino Studies Program began in 1995 as an interdisciplinary unit in the college. During the past six years, the program has been involved in faculty recruitment and today holds nine line-weight appointments across different colleges and departments. An undergraduate minor was established in 1996 and a graduate minor was established in 2008. The proposal for an undergraduate major has been submitted and approved by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Senate, the Board of Trustees, and is now awaiting review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The program currently offers an average of sixteen undergraduate courses and eight graduate courses per semester. Formalizing the program as an academic department within the University will reflect the operation as an autonomous academic unit.

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.