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RENAME THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TECHNICAL SYSTEMS
MANAGEMENT, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Rename the Bachelor of Science in Technical Systems Management, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Funding: The renaming of this program does not necessitate hiring of additional instructors or faculty, nor does it require additional resources with regard to equipment or instructional facilities.

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 Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to rename and revise the Bachelor of Science in Technical Systems Management, changing the name of the program to “Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology and Management for Agricultural Systems” (B.S. in ETMAS).

Feedback from faculty, staff, students, and alumni indicated the Technical Systems Management (TSM) program was in need of revision. In Fall 2019, the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering formed a task force to assess needs and propose necessary changes to the program. The task force collected feedback from current faculty and staff along with surveys of current students and alumni who graduated between 1980 and 2019. Proposed changes intend to increase the appeal of the

program to a wider audience, making it more accessible to students whose interests align with the program. Feedback strongly indicated the name “Technical Systems Management” was confusing and difficult to explain to prospective students, employers, and a general audience. Based on this feedback, a new, more descriptive name of “Engineering Technology and Management for Agricultural Systems” is proposed.

The proposal does not necessitate the hiring of additional instructors or faculty. All required courses have the capacity to accommodate any additional students that may take them as a result of the proposed change. No new or additional facilities, significant improvements to existing facilities, or additional resources from the University Library are needed.

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 recommends approval. The action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education but IBHE approval is not required.