

Board Meeting  
May 22, 2008

REORGANIZE THE PROGRAM FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION, COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Approve the Reorganization of the Program for the Study of Religion,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

**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 Program for the Study of Religion to the Department of Religion.

Originally established in 1965 as an interdepartmental program in religious studies, the program was designed to enable students to undertake a coherent approach to the study of religion. Today, the Program for the Study of Religion functions for all essential purposes as a department with the inclusion of tenure-track and tenured faculty appointments, an undergraduate major and minor, and the teaching of general education courses. 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.