

Board Meeting
May 7, 2015

ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HORTICULTURE, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Horticulture, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Horticulture.

In March 2009, the Board of Trustees approved the move of the horticulture program from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences to the Department of Crop Sciences. Due to the loss of some faculty and teaching associate positions in the Department of Crop Sciences, it is challenging to offer classes in the area. Additionally, the demand for bachelor's-level graduates in the ornamental horticulture industry has been declining. Student interest in the program, both on this campus and at institutions across the nation, is on the decline as well. The Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences is adding a concentration in Horticultural Food Systems to meet the interest of those students who do wish to have some focus in a horticulture-related area. Those students currently enrolled in the Horticulture major will be allowed to complete their program of study.

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.