

Board Meeting
November 13, 2014

RENAME THE INSTITUTE FOR GENOMIC BIOLOGY, URBANA

Action: Rename the Institute for Genomic Biology

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 Vice Chancellor for Research to rename the Institute for Genomic Biology (IGB) building and program as the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology.

The mission of the IGB is to advance life science research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and to stimulate economic development in the State of Illinois. The IGB's exemplary achievements are built on a legacy of talented thinkers and visionaries, none more instrumental or inspiring than Carl R. Woese, a founding member of the IGB, and one of the world's most important evolutionary biologists of the twentieth century. An American microbiologist and award-winning Illinois faculty member, Dr. Woese's contributions to science were profound. He won numerous international and national awards, including the Crafoord Prize, National Medal of Science, and van Leeuwenhoek Medal. Dr. Woese developed a deep attachment to the IGB and its

mission. In an effort to elevate the IGB's visibility to an international level and to memorialize Dr. Woese, the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology (The Woese Institute) as a name will help achieve these goals.

Significant positive effects on advancement efforts for the Institute with this new name are anticipated. For example, the building and/or some components within IGB, such as the Core facilities & Microscopy Suite or Interdisciplinary Science Instructional Facility, could be named in honor of generous donors.

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.