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RENAME THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION  
SCIENCE, SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE  
COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Rename the Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science,  
School of Information Sciences and the Graduate College

**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 School of Information Sciences and the Graduate College to rename the Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science.

The School of Information Sciences' name changed in 2016 from the Graduate School for Library and Information Science. This change was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 21, 2016, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education on February 25, 2016. The School of Information Sciences (iSchool) now seeks revision of the title of its doctoral program to reflect this revision. The proposed revision to "Doctor of Philosophy in Information Sciences" (Ph.D. in IS) not only better reflects the current name of the iSchool, it is also a more accurate representation of the academic content of

the current program and is aligned with similar programs at peer institutions, such as the University of Washington and the University of Maryland.

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. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.