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# RENAME AND REVISE THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN METROPOLITAN FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Rename and revise the Bachelor of Science in Metropolitan Food and

Environmental Systems, College of Agricultural, Consumer and

Environmental Sciences

**Funding:** No funding impact is expected, as this proposal does not change class sizes,

student-faculty ratios, or other metrics.

The Chancellor, University of Illinois 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 rename and revise the Bachelor of Science in Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems.

Under this proposal, the name of this major would change to Sustainability in Food and Environmental Systems. The revised name is proposed to attract a broader audience of prospective students from urban, rural, and suburban populations who are interested in sustainability across food and environmental contexts. The proposal also revises the curriculum to better serve student needs, incorporating more interdisciplinary coursework that is aligned with the intent of the degree. The quantity of courses in the core curriculum is reduced to allow for greater flexibility in student choice and customization, resulting in a change in total hours required from 127 to 126. This number of total hours is aligned with other undergraduate degree programs in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

Little to no impact is expected in terms of funding, instructional resources, or student-to-faculty ratios. The revised Bachelor of Science in Sustainability in Food and Environmental Systems will draw upon the existing courses offered by the college. No new courses are needed, and existing courses have capacity to enroll the anticipated uptick in enrollment. 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 Interim 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 of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.