

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

### Establish an Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Minor in Medieval Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish an undergraduate minor in Medieval Studies.

The undergraduate minor in Medieval Studies introduces students to medieval (ca. 500 to ca. 1500 CE) cultures across the world, providing them with an understanding of periods and movements, institutions, material culture, ideas, beliefs, and values of the diverse cultures that comprise the medieval globe. The coursework spans both geographical regions and disciplines to introduce students to the breadth of medieval cultures as well as to the diversity of methods and perspectives for their study.

### Eliminate the Graduate Concentration in Physiological and Molecular Plant Biology in the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to eliminate the graduate concentration in Physiological and Molecular Plant Biology in the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Biology.

At the height of the interdepartmental program, students were trained by faculty in both the Department of Plant Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Department of Crop Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer

and Environmental Sciences. Expertise in these disciplines, particularly molecular biology, is now represented within participating departments and students receive training in these disciplines within their respective departments. The program has outlived its usefulness and stopped admitting students in 2010. The remaining students will complete the program in May.

Revise the Master of Science in Taxation, College of Business and Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Business and the Graduate College to revise the Master of Science in Taxation.

Based on a series of recommendations from a variety of individuals, including tax professionals, the curriculum will be revised to require an additional course, “Taxes in Business Strategy.” The total required hours for the degree will increase from 32 hours to 36 hours. A critical component of a tax professional’s skill set is the ability to become a trusted advisor and valued member of the business team. The new course will develop the students’ ability to not only understand tax law, but also how the tax law interacts with a broad spectrum of factors affecting business decisions.

Establish the Minor in Business Administration, College of Business Administration, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Business Administration has approved the establishment of the Minor in Business Administration.

The minor will be open to students enrolled in any Chicago campus undergraduate degree program outside the College of Business Administration, and is

designed to introduce students to basic business concepts and skills in core business areas to enhance their knowledge and marketability upon graduation. It is anticipated the minor will be of interest to students from a wide range of academic backgrounds who will seek to begin careers in the broader business community. Further, the minor will serve as a signal to employers of students' preparation for and commitment to business careers.

The minor will require 18 to 19 hours, including one course from the core offerings of each College of Business Administration department (i.e., Accounting, Finance, Information and Decision Sciences, and Managerial Studies).

Eliminate the Advanced Certificate in Histology,  
College of Dentistry, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Dentistry has approved the elimination of the Advanced Certificate in Histology.

Currently the College of Dentistry supports ten IBHE-approved, post-graduate certificates in advanced dental specialty training. The Advanced Certificate in Histology is one of four certificate programs being eliminated.

The certificate has been inactive since 1999. Further, the certificate no longer fits with the mission and vision of the College. By eliminating the certificate, the College can focus its efforts and resources on productive and highly competitive programs that are critical to its core activities.

Eliminate the Advanced Certificate in Oral Diagnosis and Oral Medicine,  
College of Dentistry, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Dentistry has approved the elimination of the Advanced Certificate in Oral Diagnosis and Oral Medicine.

Currently the College of Dentistry supports ten IBHE-approved, post-graduate certificates in advanced dental specialty training. Established in 2001, the Advanced Certificate in Oral Diagnosis and Oral Medicine is one of four certificate programs being eliminated. Nationally, a number of established programs exist within this specialty training field. However, the College of Dentistry has been unable to develop a viable and sustainable program, due largely to the departure of faculty initially recruited for this purpose. By eliminating the certificate, the College can focus its efforts and resources on productive and highly competitive programs that are critical to its core activities.

No students are currently enrolled in the certificate program, and no certificates have ever been awarded.

Eliminate the Advanced Certificate in Oral Pathology,  
College of Dentistry, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Dentistry, has approved the elimination of the Advanced Certificate in Oral Pathology.

Currently the College of Dentistry supports ten IBHE-approved, post-graduate certificates in advanced dental specialty training. Established in 2001, the

Advanced Certificate in Oral Pathology is one of four certificate programs being eliminated. Nationally, a number of established programs exist within this specialty training field. However, the College of Dentistry has been unable to develop a viable and sustainable program, due largely to the departure of faculty initially recruited for this purpose. By eliminating the certificate, the College can focus its efforts and resources on productive and highly competitive programs that are critical to its core activities.

No students are currently enrolled in the certificate program, and no certificates have ever been awarded.

Eliminate the Advanced Certificate in Radiology (Dental),  
College of Dentistry, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Dentistry has approved the elimination of the Advanced Certificate in Radiology (Dental).

Currently the College of Dentistry supports ten IBHE-approved, post-graduate certificates in advanced dental specialty training. Established in 2001, the Advanced Certificate in Radiology (Dental) is one of four certificate programs being eliminated. Nationally, a number of established programs exist within this specialty training field. However, the College of Dentistry has been unable to develop a viable and sustainable program, due in part to the insufficient number of available faculty. By eliminating the certificate, the College can focus its efforts and resources on productive and highly competitive programs that are critical to its core activities.

No students are currently enrolled in the certificate program, and no certificates have ever been awarded.

Revise the Requirements for the Minor in Chemistry, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

The Springfield Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Minor in Chemistry.

The Department of Chemistry has proposed to increase the total hours of the Minor in Chemistry from 16 hours to 19 hours. This increase in the number of hours will make the minor comparable to other public universities in Illinois. This change will not require any new immediate resources.

Revise the Requirements for the Minor in Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

The Springfield Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Minor in Psychology.

The Psychology Department has proposed to decrease the total hours of the Minor in Psychology from 20 hours to 16 hours. This decrease in the number of hours will make the minor more comparable to other similar minors at the Springfield campus, making it more attractive to students. This change in hours will not require any new resources.

Eliminate the Graduate Certificate in Digital Organizations, College of Business and Management, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Business and Management has approved the elimination of the Graduate Certificate in Digital Organizations within the Department of Management Information Systems.

This nine-credit hour certificate has not been offered for the past four years due to lack of demand. No students are currently enrolled in the certificate program and future demand for the certificate is not anticipated.