

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

Establish a Graduate Concentration in Romance Linguistics in the Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, French or Linguistics, 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 establish a graduate concentration in Romance Linguistics in the Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, French and Linguistics.

Romance Linguistics is a thriving field of scholarship (with its own international journals and annual conferences), in which a sizable number of graduate students in the participating units tend to specialize. The associated departments would like to enhance the value of their degree programs by officially recognizing the training in Romance Linguistics. This concentration will make students more competitive in the job market and it is seen as a way to help attract top students.

Eliminate the Concentration in Pharmacy Administration, Master of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy and Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Pharmacy and the Graduate College has approved the elimination of the Concentration in Pharmacy

Administration within both the Master of Science in Pharmacy and the Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacy degree programs.

All degree requirements for the M.S. and Ph.D. in Pharmacy remain the same, while only the formal concentration “Pharmacy Administration” will be eliminated. “Pharmacy Administration” as a name has become antiquated and does not represent the current knowledge and skill set students acquire during the graduate program, or the scholarship/research, teaching, and service missions of the Department. The concentration in “Pharmacy Administration” is a holdover from the 1980s and 1990s when three concentrations (Pharmacy Administration, Pharmaceutics, and Pharmacodynamics) existed under the umbrella graduate degrees in Pharmacy. Revisions to the graduate program in 2003 left “Pharmacy Administration” as the sole concentration for the MS and PhD degrees in Pharmacy. Because the proposed emphasis for the graduate degrees will be pharmacy systems, outcomes, and policy, no concentration is necessary..