

Board Meeting  
July 23, 2009

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

### Revise the B.S. in Aerospace Engineering Curriculum, College of Engineering, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Engineering to revise the B.S. in Aerospace Engineering curriculum.

The aerospace engineering curriculum is being revised to reflect changes in the discipline. Specifically, increasing the emphasis on information technology and integrated systems and recognizing less need for certain topics in organic chemistry. The total number of hours required for the degree is being reduced from 134 to 128 to address a College of Engineering recommendation for all undergraduate engineering programs.

### Revise the B.F.A. in Industrial Design Curriculum, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to revise the B.F.A. in Industrial Design curriculum.

The industrial design curriculum is being revised in order to better address current global trends impacting the profession. Core requirements are being revised and new elective courses are being added to provide a better understanding of relevant technological and business practices and facilitate cross-disciplinary learning in teams.

In addition, the total number of hours required for the degree is being reduced from 130 to 122, allowing students to complete the degree in eight semesters.

Revise the B.S. in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Curriculum and Concentrations, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to revise the B.S. in Environmental Sciences curriculum.

The revised natural resources and environmental sciences curriculum is designed for students interested in careers managing natural and environmental resources or in pursuing advance education in one of its disciplinary areas. It offers an integrative and application-oriented curriculum from which its graduates will have the capacity to solve novel, ill-defined problems in complex, real-world settings. The total number of hours required for the degree is being reduced from 130 to 126.

The proposed revision also includes several changes to the concentrations.

1. Discontinue the Forest Science and the Soil and Water Science concentrations;
2. Rename the concentration in Human Dimension as Human Dimensions of the Environment;
3. Rename the concentration in Resource Ecology as Resource Conservation and Restoration Ecology; and
4. Establish a new concentration in Global Change and Landscape Dynamics.

Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Arabic 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 Arabic Studies.

The Department of Linguistics proposed the creation of an undergraduate minor in Arabic Studies. The minor is designed for students interested in developing an expertise in one or more aspect of the Arab World, as a complement to their disciplinary major.

Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender/Queer 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 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender/Queer Studies.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Queer Studies minor will introduce students to interdisciplinary sexuality studies, providing courses in theory, history, methodology, and contemporary issues. As work in L.G.B.T./Queer Studies continues to grow nationally and internationally, Gender and Women's Studies would like to provide interested students with an opportunity to focus a portion of their studies on this field within the broader context of Gender and Women's Studies.

Establish a Combined B.A.L.A.S. in Germanic Languages and Literatures and M.A. in German Program, Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a combined B.A.L.A.S. in Germanic Languages and Literatures and M.A. in German program.

Among the current undergraduate majors there exists a significant interest in pursuing graduate studies in German without necessarily the intention to commit to a doctoral program. The department would like to be able to offer these students the option to plan for and begin their graduate education while still an undergraduate. This option will not be applicable to undergraduate German majors pursuing the Scandinavian Studies concentration.

Establish a Graduate Minor in African Studies, Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a Graduate Minor in African Studies.

The graduate minor in African Studies is designed to provide Urbana graduate students both at the Master's and doctoral level training in African Studies and is taken in conjunction with students' primary fields of study. The minor is intended to develop students' knowledge of Africa through interdisciplinary training and African language study.

Establish a Graduate Minor in American Indian and Indigenous Studies, Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a Graduate Minor in American Indian and Indigenous Studies.

The graduate minor in American Indian and Indigenous Studies is designed to allow graduate students an opportunity to study tribal peoples' centuries-long fight for sovereignty, including self-government, economic self-determination, and cultural self-representation. The minor provides Master's and doctoral level training in American Indian and Indigenous Studies and is taken in conjunction with students' primary fields of study.

Establish a Graduate Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a Graduate Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

The graduate minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is designed to provide Urbana graduate students both at the Master's and doctoral level training in Latin American Studies and is taken in conjunction with students' primary fields of study. The minor is intended to develop students' knowledge of the region through interdisciplinary course training and Latin American and Caribbean language study.

Establish a Graduate Minor in Religion, Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a Graduate Minor in Religion.

The graduate minor in Religion is designed for graduate or professional students in other disciplines who desire to complement their degree program with a study of Religion. The minor will consist of any coherent set of courses in Religion approved by the department and will include at least one graduate seminar.

Establish the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in English as a Second Language, Department of Educational Leadership, College of Education and Human Services, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Education and Human Services and its Department of Educational Leadership has approved the establishment of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in English as a Second Language.

The online Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in English as a Second Language will provide teachers in grades K through 12 with a State of Illinois Endorsement in English as a Second Language (ESL) and will qualify educators to teach students whose first language is not English at both the K through 12 and Community College levels. The Illinois State Board of Education has indicated this is an area of growing need within the

State of Illinois. This will be the only certificate of its kind offered in an online format by an Illinois institution.

Establish the *Concentration in Writing, Rhetoric, and Language*, the *Concentration in Literary Studies*, and the *Concentration in Education*, Bachelor of Arts in English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its Department of English has approved the establishment of the *Concentration in Writing, Rhetoric, and Language*, the *Concentration in Literary Studies*, and the *Concentration in Education* within the Bachelor of Arts in English.

The additions of concentrations in writing, literature, and education will offer both breadth and depth in the major and allow the major to be more coherent, logically organized, and useful to students. The addition of these concentrations will improve the English Department's ability to plan and schedule course rotations three years in advance, will eliminate outdated distribution requirements in the major, and allow faculty to better meet obligations in CAP Honors, general education, ECCE, and the department.