

Board Meeting
July 24, 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATE

Establish a Graduate Minor in Heritage Studies, College of Fine and Applied Arts, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Graduate College, Urbana

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

The Graduate Minor offers a broad coverage of different approaches to heritage theory and practice, including interdisciplinary perspectives from Anthropology, Landscape Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning, Architecture, History, Geography, Education, and other fields. Interest in heritage studies comes from the growing need to understand and accommodate difference and conflict in historic/archaeological sites where identity is articulated and interpreted. The Minor will initially be available to students pursuing graduate level study in the departments of Anthropology and Landscape Architecture.

Establish a Joint Degree Program in Law and Political Science (J.D./Ph.D.), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Law, and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Law, and the Graduate College to establish a

joint degree program in Law and Political Science (J.D./Ph.D.) focusing on International Relations.

The field of international law lies at the intersection of international relations and law. As the world community becomes increasingly interdependent through globalization and international trade, the need for experts trained in international law is expected to increase. The best training in international law requires both substantive legal knowledge and knowledge of international relations, neither of which can be achieved within the exclusive confines of either program. The proposed program will capitalize on existing strengths at Illinois and provide the campus with a distinct competitive advantage in the recruitment of students.

Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Scandinavian 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 Scandinavian Studies.

The Undergraduate Minor in Scandinavian Studies is designed to offer exposure to the study of Scandinavian language and broad knowledge of Scandinavian culture, literature, film, art, and history. The Minor is appropriate for students majoring in a variety of disciplines wanting to gain a fuller understanding of Scandinavia.