

Board Meeting  
June 9, 2011

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

### Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Horticulture, 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 establish an undergraduate minor in Horticulture.

The minor in Horticulture is designed for students who desire a significant background in horticulture to support study and practice in their major field. The minor will provide students with basic knowledge of horticulture with some specialization in one or more subtopics such as specialty crop production or the use of plants in landscape design.

### Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Leadership Studies, 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 establish an undergraduate minor in Leadership Studies.

The minor in Leadership Studies will examine the roles of leaders and their relationships with followers in the context of diverse organizational structures, in regard to change management, group dynamics, personal and team influence strategies,

personality, ethics, communication, conflict management, cross-cultural competencies, and a variety of other factors. The minor will provide students with an intellectually rigorous study and critical analysis of seminal and emerging leadership theories and concepts, as well as the research that tests those theories.

Revise the Bachelor of Science in Horticulture,  
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 Bachelor of Science in Horticulture.

The proposed revisions include eliminating the Urban Forestry, Horticultural Sciences, and the Production and Management concentrations and establishing the Sustainable Landscapes and Specialty Crops concentrations. In addition, the revision will reduce the total number of required hours from 130 to 126 hours.

Rename the Concentration in Agri-Finance in the Bachelor of Science in  
Agricultural and Consumer Economics,  
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 rename the Agri-Finance concentration as the Finance in Agribusiness concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics.

The proposed concentration title better describes the fact that this concentration involves application of standard financial concepts and methods to issues within the sphere of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

Revise the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering,  
College of Engineering, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Engineering to revise the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering.

The proposed revision includes changing the requirements for the degree by reducing the number of total hours from 131 to 128 as recommended by the College Executive Committee. All engineering undergraduate programs are targeting 128 hours for graduation.

Eliminate the Master of Arts in Mathematics,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the 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 Master of Arts in Mathematics.

The Department of Mathematics is no longer admitting students and there are no current students in the Master of Arts degree. The requirements for the Master of Arts degree are identical to the Master of Science degree which is being retained.

Rename the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gender and Women's 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 rename the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gender and Women's Studies as the Minor in Gender and Women's Studies.

The proposed revision aligns the undergraduate minor with the recently revised undergraduate major. The field itself is interdisciplinary in nature and the distinction is no longer necessary.

Revise the Doctor of Musical Arts,  
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 Doctor of Musical Arts.

The proposed revision establishes concentrations in Instrumental Conducting – Wind Band and Instrumental Conducting – Orchestra. These concentrations allow the School of Music to remain competitive and meet increasing demand for instruction focused on the fields of band and orchestra conducting.

Amendments to the Senate Bylaws, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved two amendments to the *Bylaws*. The first revision, Part B.6, amends the Committee on Committees Term of

Office, allowing the Committee to begin its term at the end of the Senate year rather than the beginning of the academic year.

The second amendment stems from approval on November 9, 2009, of an amendment to the *Constitution* to add an Other Academic Staff electorate to the Urbana-Champaign Senate as well as making some changes to the Faculty electorate.

Implementation of these changes requires changes to the Urbana-Champaign Senate *Bylaws* and the creation of *Senate Election Rules* for the Other Academic Staff electorate.

Details of the amendments are on file with the Senate Office.

Establish a Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration,  
Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice,  
College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Nursing has approved the establishment of the Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration within the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

Although there is much overlap in the education and clinical practice of a certified nurse-midwife (CNM) and a women's health nurse practitioner (WHNP), specific job positions may limit practice to either a CNM or WHNP based on the employer's understanding of the educational preparation for each role. Providing students with the option of enrolling in a dual concentration, such as this, will give them

an expedient way to take all the courses and perform the clinical hours necessary to sit for dual certification and obtain dual licensure.

Master of Science students in this concentration will be required to take a total of 67 to 69 credit hours for the degree and DNP students in this concentration will be required to take a total of 106 credit hours for the degree.

Establish a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Concentration,  
Doctor of Nursing Practice, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Nursing has approved the establishment of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Concentration within the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

Neonatal Nurse Practitioners (NNP) practice in the acute care setting (hospitals) and manage care for healthy newborns as well as ill infants, pre-term infants, and very low birth weight infants with severe, life-threatening complications. Graduates of this program will be well prepared to manage the biological, psychosocial, cultural, legal, ethical, economic, and political issues related to the nation's top cause of morbidity and mortality in newborns. The proposed program also incorporates principles of patient-family centered care (PFCC), which makes it unique among NNP programs.

DNP students enrolled in this concentration will be required to take a total of 93 credit hours.

Rename the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration to the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration, and Rename the Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Concentration to the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Nursing has approved the renaming of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration to the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration, and the renaming of the Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Concentration to the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Concentration within the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

In July 2008, nursing's leading professional organizations reached consensus on a model for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) regulation. The proposed name changes are being made in order to meet certification and licensing requirements proposed in the APRN Consensus Model, specifically, that program names should clearly specify the population focus of that program.

Rename the Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration to the Advanced Community Health Nurse Concentration and Rename the Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration to Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Concentration, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Nursing has approved the renaming of the Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration to Advanced Community Health Nurse Concentration and

the renaming of the Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration to Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Concentration within the Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

The proposed name changes are being made as a result of recent changes in board certification exams which require that the College remove the term “specialist” from the concentration names because the programs of study are not designed to prepare students for the “specialist” exams in this area.

Rename the School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist  
Concentration to School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Concentration,  
Master of Science in Nursing, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Nursing has approved the renaming of the School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration to the School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Concentration within the Master of Science in Nursing.

The proposed name change is being made as a result of recent changes in board certification exams which require that the College remove the term “specialist” from the concentration names because the programs of study are not designed to prepare students for the “specialist” exams in this area.



Rename the Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration to the Psychiatric-Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration, and Rename the Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration to Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Nursing has approved the renaming of the Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration to the Psychiatric-Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration, and the renaming of the Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration to the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration, within the Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

The addition of the term “Psychiatric” in the concentration name will clarify the level of care that graduates from this program are educated to provide, i.e., acute/chronic as well as mental health, and it matches the language used in the certification exam title.

Eliminate the Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Nursing has approved the elimination of the Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration within the Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

Since 1993, 26 students have graduated from the Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist program, which is an average of 1.5 students per year. Currently there are 11 students enrolled in the program but several are considering changing to the Nurse Practitioner track. The faculty time required for approximately one student in each clinical course each semester is too great to continue offering the concentration.

Eliminate the Adult Nurse Practitioner Concentration and Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Concentrations, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Nursing has approved the elimination of the Adult Nurse Practitioner Concentration and Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Concentration within the Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

In July 2008, nursing's leading professional organizations reached consensus on a model for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) regulation. Based on the *APRN Consensus Model*, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing recommends that all current programs preparing individuals to provide care to the adult or gerontology populations merge the programs so that graduates are prepared with the full complement of competencies necessary to provide comprehensive care to the entire adult population. In the future, students interested in either of these concentration areas will be admitted to the newly renamed Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner concentration.

Eliminate the Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration,  
Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice,  
College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Nursing has approved the elimination of the Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration within the Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

Only one student has graduated from the Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration in the last five years. Currently there are two students enrolled in this concentration and both are contemplating changing to the Nurse Practitioner concentration. In addition, it is anticipated that the Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist certification exam may no longer be available as of 2012.

Establish a Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Concentration,  
Master of Public Health, School of Public Health, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the School of Public Health, has approved the establishment of the Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Concentration within the Master of Public Health (MPH).

This interdisciplinary program was developed in the 1990s in response to a national call to increase the number of individuals who can assist state and local public health agencies in strengthening their data and analytic capacity related to the health of women, children, and families. Graduates of this program will have the analytic skills to

perform many of the activities of the maternal and child health planning cycle – surveillance, assessment, planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and policy development – at a high level. This program is being formalized into an interdivisional concentration, with a minimum of 28 to 29 credit hours required for the concentration.

Establish an Environmental Planning and Policy Concentration,  
Master of Urban Planning and Policy,  
College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs has approved the establishment of the Environmental Planning and Policy Concentration, Master of Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP).

As attention to environmental issues in planning and the number of job opportunities in this field has grown, the number of students interested in this topic has similarly increased. Currently, many students develop self-designed programs to prepare themselves in environmental planning. However, department faculty feel that students would be best served by a curricular approach that addresses issues of theoretical foundations, methods and/or policy, and elements of practice (following the structure of other Master of Urban Planning and Policy concentrations), so that students are best prepared. Therefore, a formal three-course concentration is being established.

Rename the Physical Planning Concentration as the Spatial Planning and Design Concentration, Master of Urban Planning and Policy, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Graduate College and the College of Urban Planning has approved the renaming of the Physical Planning Concentration as the Spatial Planning and Design Concentration within the Master of Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP).

The proposed name change will more accurately reflect both current language in planning and the new tracks in the concentration, one in land use (spatial planning) and one in urban design, approved in 2010.

Eliminate the Minor in the Teaching of German and the Minor in the Teaching of Spanish, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has approved the elimination of the Minor in the Teaching of German and the Minor in the Teaching of Spanish.

In the past, completion of a minor in the teaching of German or in the teaching of Spanish fulfilled most of the requirements in Illinois for teaching German or teaching Spanish as a second subject. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has changed requirements so that a minor is no longer sufficient. Instead, the ISBE makes possible only an endorsement in teaching a second subject. Interested students will be

referred to the UIC Council on Teacher Education for information about current requirements for teaching a second subject.

Establish a Water Quality and Health Concentration,  
Master of Public Health, School of Public Health, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the School of Public Health has approved the establishment of the Water Quality and Health Concentration within the Master of Public Health (MPH).

The new concentration will ground students in the natural and risk sciences important to understanding the phenomena and consequences of water scarcity, mechanisms of chemical and microbial water contamination, risks to human health, and methods to study and graphically display indicators of water contamination. These are skills that are required by governmental and non-governmental organizations and will prepare students for employment in a variety of public health practice settings. MPH students in this concentration will be required to take a minimum of 45 credit hours for the degree.

Establish an Environmental and Occupational Health Policy Concentration,  
Master of Public Health, School of Public Health, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the School of Public Health has approved the establishment of the Environmental and Occupational Health Policy Concentration within the Master of Public Health (MPH).

The new concentration will provide students the opportunity to obtain grounding in the multidisciplinary, applied sciences that underpin environmental and occupational health, in conjunction with a policy orientation. Assessment of student interest and post-graduate placements demonstrates a need for this type of program, where students obtain familiarity with both science and policy. The addition of a policy background would enhance performance in most jobs in the field, including positions in policy analysis, communications, and government relations. MPH students in this concentration will be required to take a minimum of 43 credit hours for the degree.

Suspend the Academic Politics Concentration and Practical Politics Concentration in the Political Science Master's Degree, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Public Affairs and Administration to suspend the graduate concentration in Academic Politics and the graduate concentration in Practical Politics.

The academic and practical concentrations were designed to serve both students who were considering a career in higher education teaching and students with an interest in applied politics. The current concentrations focus primarily on American politics, but faculty expertise is now more international, theoretical, and legal and a more general degree reflects that diversity of expertise. In addition, the distinction between academic and practical politics has blurred over the years both in theory and in

coursework and is no longer a legitimate basis for dividing the degree into such concentrations.

The concentrations will be replaced by one degree with the addition of a certificate in Practical Politics. Students currently enrolled in each concentration will be able to finish their studies, as the courses for each concentration will still be offered.