

Board Meeting  
March 15, 2012

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

### Eliminate the Concentration in Community Studies and Outreach, Doctor of Philosophy in Human and Community Development, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College to eliminate the concentration in Community Studies and Outreach in the Ph.D. in Human and Community Development.

The Department of Human and Community Development has experienced substantial downsizing in faculty and a sharpening of the department's focus, such that the Community Studies and Outreach concentration cannot be maintained. Current students have already satisfied curricular requirements and no new students have been admitted to the concentration. The elimination of the concentration will allow for more effective utilization of departmental resources.

Establish the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Cardiovascular Science,  
College of Medicine, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Medicine and the Graduate College has approved the establishment of the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Cardiovascular Science.

The new concentration, designed for students enrolled in specific Ph.D. degree programs, will provide unique educational and laboratory training focused on the scientific basis of cardiovascular health. Students completing the concentration will be able to apply theories and methods from multidisciplinary perspectives and translational approaches to critically analyze and effectively respond to various challenges of cardiovascular health. The program will enable students to pursue careers as independent investigators, who will be prepared to pursue a career in the highly competitive field of biomedical scientific research for the purpose of solving problems of cardiovascular disease.

Students will complete nine credit hours of coursework for the concentration, in addition to completing laboratory rotations for the Ph.D. program in the Center for Cardiovascular Research sponsored laboratories.