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PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

Establish a Joint Bachelor of Science and Master of Engineering in Engineering with a Concentration in Energy Systems, College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Engineering to establish a joint Bachelor of Science and Master of Engineering in Engineering with a Concentration in Energy Systems. This program, which may be completed in five years, provides smooth integration of the bachelor's and master's studies, giving students an opportunity to complete the overall requirements of the master's program with an option of a one-semester practicum or project or professional development course. Global competition in industry has led to an increased need for educational emphasis on innovation, interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving, communication skills, and teamwork. The undergraduate curriculum topics are necessary but not sufficient in most cases to meet industry need. The joint Bachelor of Science and Master of Engineering in Engineering with a Concentration in Energy Systems provides a way to meet industry need.

Establish the Graduate Concentration in Real Estate, College of Business and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Business and the Graduate College to establish the graduate concentration in Real

Estate. Designed for students in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Accounting Science (MAS) programs, the concentration in Real Estate organizes existing graduate-level coursework in real estate; courses that are popular with students in these programs. Many real estate firms, especially in the Chicago area, already recruit these students, and many accounting firms have significant real estate divisions. Providing a recognized, coherent area of study in real estate will help MBA and MAS students in their pursuit of jobs with firms such as these and enhance these programs.

Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Journalism, College of Media, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Media to establish the undergraduate minor in Journalism. The minor will allow students to explore the role of journalism in a democracy and to assess how journalism is meeting its social responsibility to engage, enlighten, and empower citizens. The minor responds to student interest in the journalism field and equips students to participate in the ever-changing world of media delivery and consumption.

Eliminate the Biochemistry Concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has approved the elimination of the Biochemistry Concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry.

The Biochemistry Concentration has been replaced with the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. Students currently enrolled in the Biochemistry concentration will be allowed to complete the concentration within the allowable time limits or move to the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry degree track.

Eliminate the Education Concentration within the 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 has approved the elimination of the Education Concentration within the Bachelor of Arts in English.

Until recently students seeking a Bachelor's degree in English were required to complete a concentration in Literary Studies; Writing, Rhetoric and Language; or Education, and a range of 31- to 37-hours were required to complete the degree. A recent revision of the curriculum eliminated the concentration requirement and created a single, general 40-hour curriculum for students. The curriculum revision simplified degree requirements, created a more predictable pathway through the major, and shifted more emphasis on writing and research into the first two years of the curriculum to better prepare students for upper-division coursework. All students currently enrolled in the Education track will be given adequate time to complete the concentration.

Eliminate the Literary Studies Concentration within the 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 has approved the elimination of the Literary Studies Concentration within the Bachelor of Arts in English.

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Eliminate the Writing, Rhetoric and Language Studies Concentration within the
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 has approved the elimination of the Writing, Rhetoric and Language Studies Concentration within the Bachelor of Arts in English.

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