

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

### Revise the Master of Science in Health Informatics and Establish the Concentration in Health Data Science, College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College has approved the revision of the Master of Science in Health Informatics and the establishment of a concentration in Health Data Science.

The degree is being revised to meet and reflect new accreditation standards using competency-based standards that focus on ten foundational domains; align program length with peer programs by reducing required hours from 45 to 38; and provide increased flexibility in degree requirements for students to pursue a new, optional concentration in Health Data Science.

The concentration, which is available only to M.S. in Health Informatics students, will be comprised of two required courses and two elective courses affiliated with each student's specific interests (e.g., data visualization, artificial intelligence, data analytics).

### Revise and Rename the Concentration in Community Health and Urban Development in the Master of Social Work, Jane Addams College of Social Work, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the Jane Addams College of Social Work has approved the renaming of the Concentration in Community Health

and Urban Development in the Master of Social Work (MSW) as the Concentration in Organization and Community Practice.

All MSW students take a common first-year foundation comprised of required courses and field education. In the concentration year, students complete 34 hours of advanced study in one of four concentrations. The Community Health and Urban Development concentration initially had a dual focus on social work practice with individuals and family (micro content), and organizations and communities for social change (macro content). The revised and renamed concentration in Organization and Community Practice will subsequently focus on this macro content only. The number of hours required to earn the concentration will not change.

Eliminate the Campus Certificates in Advanced Community Public Health Practice, Environmental Health Informatics, Public Health Practice, and Public Health Emergency Preparedness, School of Public Health, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the School of Public Health has approved the elimination of four campus certificates: Advanced Community Public Health Practice, Environmental Health Informatics, Public Health Practice, and Public Health Emergency Preparedness.

The School of Public Health currently offers eleven campus certificates. Most were designed to offer select courses to public health practitioners and health professionals who are not able to pursue a public health graduate degree. The four certificates proposed for elimination were established between 2005 and 2013 and are comprised of 12 to 16 hours.

Demand for the four certificates has declined despite efforts to recruit new students, and no students are currently enrolled. Related curricular content is available in existing degrees and remaining certificate programs (e.g., Master of Public Health, Certificate in Public Health Informatics, Certificate in Emergency Management and Continuity Planning).

Establish the Graduate Certificate in Public Procurement Management in the Master of Public Administration, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Public Affairs and Administration has approved the establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Public Procurement Management in the Master of Public Administration.

The Graduate Certificate in Public Procurement Management will provide academic training in public sector procurement that emphasizes purchasing, supply chain management, and project management. Completion of the 18 credit hour online certificate will provide students with both academic and practitioner training, prepare them for careers in public procurement, and add to their knowledge base for careers in public administration. With all coursework offered online and a curricular focus on both not-for-profit and government agencies, the certificate is expected to be of interest to local, state, national, and international students.

Establish the Environmental Planning and Management Concentration within the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Public Affairs and Administration has approved the establishment of the Environmental

Planning and Management Concentration within the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences.

The Environmental Planning and Management Concentration within the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences will replace the Environmental Planning and Management Concentration within the Master of Art in Environmental Studies. Students have indicated a preference to complete the concentration in the Master of Science (M.S.) over the Master of Arts (M.A.). No changes to the curriculum or course offerings will be made as a result of this transfer of the concentration between degree programs. Students currently enrolled in the M.A. concentration will be allowed to complete the concentration within the allowable time limit or transfer to the M.S. concentration.

Establish the Sustainable Development and Policy Concentration within the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Public Affairs and Administration has approved the establishment of the Sustainable Development and Policy Concentration within the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences.

The Sustainable Development and Policy Concentration within the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences will replace the Sustainable Development and Policy Concentration within the Master of Art in Environmental Studies. Students have indicated a preference to complete the concentration within the Master of Science (M.S.) program instead of within the Master of Arts (M.A.) program. No changes to the

curriculum or course offerings will be made as a result of this transfer of the concentration between degree programs. Students currently enrolled in the M.A. concentration will be allowed to complete the concentration within the allowable time limit or transfer to the M.S. concentration.

Eliminate the Environmental Humanities Concentration within the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Public Affairs and Administration has approved the elimination of the Environmental Humanities Concentration within the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies.

The Environmental Humanities Concentration has seen increasingly low enrollment for several years despite efforts to attract new students. Students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete the concentration within the allowable time limit.

Eliminate the Environmental Planning and Management Concentration within the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Public Affairs and Administration has approved the elimination of the Environmental Planning and Management Concentration within the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies.

The Environmental Planning and Management Concentration within the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies will be eliminated and replaced by the Environmental Planning and Management Concentration within the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences. Students have indicated a preference to complete the

concentration with a Master of Science (M.S.) instead of the Master of Arts (M.A.).

Students currently enrolled in the M.A. concentration will be allowed to complete the concentration within the allowable time limit or transfer to the M.S. concentration.

Impact on students transferring from the M.A. concentration to the M.S. concentration will be minimal, as no changes to the curriculum or course offerings will be made.

Eliminate the Sustainable Development and Policy Concentration within the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Public Affairs and Administration has approved the elimination of the Sustainable Development and Policy Concentration within the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies.

The Sustainable Development and Policy Concentration within the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies will be eliminated and replaced by the Sustainable Development and Policy Concentration within the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences. Students have indicated a preference to complete the concentration within the Master of Science (M.S.) instead of within the Master of Arts (M.A.). Students currently enrolled in the M.A. concentration will be allowed to complete the concentration within the allowable time limit or transfer to the M.S. concentration. Impact on students transferring from the M.A. concentration to the M.S. concentration will be minimal, as no changes to the curriculum or course offerings will be made.