

Board Meeting
May 11, 2006

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

Establishment of a Concentration in Clinical Research in the Master of Science in Public Health Program, Chicago

The Chicago Senate has approved a proposal from the School of Public Health to establish a concentration in clinical research in the Master of Science in Public Health Program. The concentration is designed to train clinicians from any of the clinical professions to understand basic analytical tools used by biostatisticians and epidemiologists and the application to health of the relevant concepts and theories of the social and behavioral sciences. The concentration consists of two basic components: a multidisciplinary set of courses and a mentored research project.

Establishment of Two Concentrations within the Post Master's Certificate in Educational Leadership, College of Education and Human Services, Springfield

The Springfield Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Education and Human Services to establish two concentrations within the existing Post Master's Certificate in Educational Leadership. The Post Master's Certificate currently offers courses for individuals seeking a certificate as a school superintendent. Under this proposal, the program would offer two concentrations: (1) the Superintendent's Certificate concentration, and (2) a Chief School Business Official's Certificate

concentration. The latter concentration would be offered in a blended online format that combines on-campus and online sessions.

The Post Master's Certificate would continue to consist of 36 hours. There would be a core curriculum that includes 20 hours of course work and 4 hours of clinical experience. Each of the concentrations would include an additional 12 hours. The Chief School Business Official's Certificate concentration would require the establishment of two new courses: EDL 640 Business Applications (revenues) and EDL 645 Finance Applications (expenditures). The other courses are in existence; however, the courses would now need to be offered in an online or blended format.

The purpose of the Chief School Business Official's Certificate concentration is to provide individuals with knowledge and training in the areas of educational foundations, business management, budgeting, and finance. This will help meet the demand for competent leadership in the fiscal management of schools.

The start-up costs for the Chief School Business Official's Certificate concentration will be paid for with a grant, while the recurring costs will be financed through the tuition revenues that are generated by the program. Therefore, no additional resources will be needed.

Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security, Master of Arts in Environmental Studies, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Public Affairs and Administration to establish a Graduate Certificate in Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security.

The new millennium sees a renewed federal, state, and local focus on building capacity to anticipate, prepare, and respond to emergencies of all types including those related to natural disasters and homeland security. The proposed Certificate in Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security will provide interdisciplinary professional education to administrators of local, state, and federal government agencies and private entities with responsibilities for emergency preparedness and homeland security.

The Graduate Certificate in Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security will be a 20-hour interdisciplinary certificate program. The Certificate's three core courses will provide students with a background in risk assessment, management, communication, and program evaluation. The selection of two elective courses will allow the students to concentrate in a particular disciplinary area of interest. The program will be administered by the Department of Environmental Studies in association with its Master of Arts in Environmental Studies program. The courses will be offered by a variety of departments, e.g., Environmental Studies, Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, Political Studies, Public Administration, and Public Health.

The Certificate's core courses and various electives are already in existence. No additional resources will be needed to offer the graduate certificate.

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Environmental Communications and Education,
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 discontinue the Environmental

Communications and Education Concentration and redesignate the Agricultural Communications Concentration as Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Communication in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Environmental Communications and Education.

The Environmental Communications and Education concentration no longer has the enrollment to justify the concentration. In addition, concurrent reductions in faculty numbers have made it unfeasible to regularly offer courses required solely for this concentration. The subject matter will be integrated into the redesigned Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Communication concentration. This name will more accurately describe the fuller range of subject matter relevant to all students in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences who are interested in communication.

Establish an Interdisciplinary Minor in the Study of the Islamic World, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to create an interdisciplinary minor in the Study of the Islamic World.

The interdisciplinary minor is designed for students interested in developing an expertise in one or more parts of the Islamic World or in Islamic culture generally, as a complement to their disciplinary major. Students will acquire knowledge through an introductory course in a facet of Islam, the study of an approved language of the Islamic world, as well as several advanced courses in culture.

Establish a Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies,
Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College to establish a Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

The minor is intended for students who wish to develop interdisciplinary knowledge of Russia, Eastern Europe, and/or Eurasia. The minor's purpose is to document a student's interdisciplinary engagement with the area and sufficient language study to be able to work in the region.

Establish a Graduate Minor in Balkan Studies, Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College to establish a Graduate Minor in Balkan Studies.

The minor is intended for students who wish to develop systematic, interdisciplinary knowledge of the Balkans. The minor's purpose is to document a student's interdisciplinary engagement with the area and sufficient language study to be able to work in the region.

Establish a Graduate Concentration in African American Studies, College of Liberal Arts
and Sciences, Urbana

The Graduate College on behalf of the Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a Graduate Concentration in African American Studies.

The interdisciplinary graduate concentration is designed to explore a wide range of information and scholarship in African American studies and its subfield. Students have an opportunity to work with a broad and dynamic group of African Americanist scholars across the humanities and social sciences, and the arts and professions.

Discontinue the Graduate Specialization in Biophysical Chemistry, Graduate College,
Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College to discontinue the Graduate Specialization in Biophysical Chemistry in the Ph.D. in Chemistry.

As the Department of Chemistry has a number of other, more formalized specializations already in place, including the traditional areas of analytical, inorganic, organic, and physical chemistry as well as materials chemistry and chemical biology, this specialization is no longer useful.

Establish a Joint Graduate Program Leading to both the M.S. or Ph.D. in Materials
Science and Engineering and a Master of Business Administration, Graduate College,
Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College to establish a joint graduate program leading to both the M.S. (or Ph.D.) in Materials Science and Engineering and a Master of Business Administration.

Many students in Materials Science and Engineering (MatSE) become involved in the management aspects of companies following graduation. The proposed

joint program permits students to obtain appropriate training in business so that they will be able to more effectively contribute. The program will enable engineering students to acquire business knowledge and skill, and will also allow the MBA program to benefit from students who have a strong technical background in statistics, analysis, and process.

The joint degree program reduces the credit hour requirements for the MBA by 12 hours, normally used for 3 electives or part of a second concentration. This is compensated for, in part, by the combination of courses and other activities. In addition, the MatSE course work (and thesis) requires considerable knowledge in the area of information technology, one of the MBA concentrations.