

Board Meeting
May 22, 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

Establish a Graduate Minor in Latina/Latino Studies, 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 establish a Graduate Minor in Latina/Latino Studies.

The Graduate Minor offers a comprehensive program of study in Latina/Latino Studies research, theories, and methodologies to graduate students who wish to incorporate Latina/Latino Studies into their degree work. The program will allow students to assess how historical and cultural processes affect Latina/os in contemporary society. The interdisciplinary nature of the program will provide students with the breadth of research and approaches taken by scholars in the field.

Establish a Joint Degree Program in Law and Philosophy (J.D./Ph.D.), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Law, and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Law, and the Graduate College to establish a joint degree program in Law and Philosophy (J.D./Ph.D.).

Knowledge and professional skills in both law and philosophy have become essential for those preparing to teach legal philosophy and political theory. The program proposed is intended to prepare its graduates to teach legal and political philosophy in law schools, philosophy departments, departments of government and political science, undergraduate legal studies and pre-law programs, and other such programs.

Establish a Graduate Minor in Information Technology and Control, 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 a Graduate Minor in Information Technology and Control.

Information Technology (IT) and Control has been an emerging area of focus for accounting, financial services, and IT consulting companies. The minor will focus on developing leaders in various business fields who understand how to leverage information technology to create value for customers, external partners, and shareholders by designing better information systems to improve business processes and controls; and how managers can assess the strategic, financial, and economic benefits and risks of investing in advanced information systems. Through individually designed course project assignments and business case studies, the minor can be tailored to fit the needs of individual students.

Eliminate the Concentration in Park and Natural Resource Management in the B.S. in Recreation, Sport and Tourism in the College of Applied Health Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to eliminate the concentration in Park and Natural Resource Management in the B.S. in Recreation, Sport and Tourism.

The College of Applied Health Sciences and Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism support the discontinuance of the concentration. The concentration is not advertised as a current option, nor is it intended to be in the future. Students seeking this concentration or focus can earn degrees through active programs in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish an undergraduate minor in Communication.

The undergraduate minor in Communication is designed for students from other disciplines taking courses in Communication as electives who wish to formalize their studies in that unit. The students will obtain an understanding of communication processes and how they influence social, cultural, and political processes. The minor is appropriate for students majoring in a variety of disciplines in the social sciences or humanities and for students in professionally-oriented programs.

Establish a Graduate Concentration in Analytics in the M.S. in Statistics, 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 establish a graduate concentration in Analytics in the M.S. in Statistics.

The concentration is designed to respond to the growing demands in science and industry for the use of large databases for classification, clustering, predictive modeling, and various applications of exploratory data analysis. The program will be centered around statistical computing, data management, and a field of study being referred to as statistical learning, which encompasses topics that fall under the broader title of data mining. The new program will retain the strengths of the traditional M.S. in Statistics but will enhance the computational and data analytic sophistication for careers in information intensive industries.

Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Agricultural Safety and Health, 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 Agricultural Safety and Health.

The minor is designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the occupational safety and health issues associated with production agriculture including how to effectively manage risk. The program familiarizes students with the

primary injury and illness control methodologies of behavioral persuasion and motivation, engineering design, and regulation or enforcement. The minor is not directly associated with any particular major but would complement any degree in agriculture or program with a focus on rural health.

Establish a Graduate Concentration in Professional Science Masters, Graduate College,
Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College to establish a graduate concentration in Professional Science Masters.

The Graduate College seeks to establish a new graduate concentration titled “Professional Science Master’s” (PSM) for the purposes of establishing a campus-wide PSM program in collaboration with multiple disciplinary units across campus. The PSM is an innovative new graduate program designed to enable students to pursue advanced training in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, while simultaneously developing workplace skills highly valued by employers. The PSM concentration will be available for coupling with disciplinary majors within non-thesis M.S. degree programs that have undergone a feasibility assessment by the Graduate College to establish program need and viability, and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Graduate College for the proposed program. The Illinois PSM Initiative intends to launch programs within ten disciplines over the first three years with inaugural programs in Agricultural Production, Bioenergy, and Food Science and Human Nutrition.

Establish a Graduate Minor in Gender and Women's Studies, 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 establish a graduate minor in Gender and Women's Studies.

The graduate minor in Gender and Women's Studies offers training in feminist theory and methodology to graduate students who want to incorporate gender and women's studies into their degree work. Because gender has become a central category of analysis in many disciplines and fields, the graduate minor strengthens formal credentials for the students and offers a versatile area of specialization.

Revise the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Slavic Languages and Literature in the 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 revise the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Slavic Languages and Literature.

The revision to the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Slavic Languages and Literature involves an increase in coursework from 32 to 40 hours beyond the M.A. degree. Revisions to the degree will bring it in line with faculty and student interests, and with peer-institutions, making the program more competitive for highly qualified graduate students.

Elimination of the Exercise Biology Concentration, and Redesignation of the Concentration in Motor Control and Learning as the Concentration in Motor Control and Biomechanics, Master of Science (M.S.) in Kinesiology, College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Applied Health Sciences and its Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition has approved the Elimination of the Exercise Biology Concentration, and Redesignation of the Concentration in Motor Control and Learning as the Concentration in Motor Control and Biomechanics within the M.S. in Kinesiology degree.

The concentration in Exercise Biology attracts only one or two applicants per year. As this concentration is primarily a “bench science” more appropriate for doctoral-level study, future recruitment efforts will be directed toward potential doctoral students rather than the occasional Master’s student.

For several years, graduate students interested in working with biomechanics faculty have been directed to pursue a concentration in Motor Control and Learning. Changing the name of the concentration to include “biomechanics” will satisfy student demand and more accurately reflect the strengths of department faculty. Also, motor “learning” is no longer a primary direction of the department’s work.

Establishment of the Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist and Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentrations, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Nursing and its Department of Public Health, Mental Health and Administrative Nursing has approved the Establishment of the Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist and Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentrations within the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program.

This request seeks to establish two new BSN-DNP concentration options. The Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist concentration prepares students for a career in population-based, public health nursing and provides them with a complex set of skills in community assessment; collaboration with community agencies, policy makers, and consumers of all occupations; health planning and program evaluation; evidence-based preventive health practice; and policy development. The Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist concentration prepares students for a career in public health nursing with a focus on hazard control, health promotion and safety for workers, employers and communities while working with experienced peers as part of a multidisciplinary team. New course development for the concentrations is part of an initiative supported by a series of on-going federally-funded grants awarded to the Department of Public Health, Mental Health and Administrative Nursing with the goal to advance population-focused nursing.

The Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration requires 10 courses and 13 hours of electives for a total of 41 hours. The Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration requires 12 courses and 9 hours of electives for a total of 41 hours.

Establishment of the Executive Nursing Leadership Concentration within the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Nursing and its Department of Public Health, Mental Health and Administrative Nursing has approved the Establishment of the Executive Nursing Leadership Concentration within the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program.

The proposed concentration is designed for students entering the DNP program with an M.S. degree who already have significant management experience. The concentration focuses on expanding skills which are executive in nature and yet focused in nursing. The new courses build on the traditional nursing focused administrative courses of the master's program to develop and integrate a broad context of executive practice for the nurse leader in a variety of settings.

The concentration requires 10 courses and 5 elective hours for a total of 31 hours.

Redesignation of the Occupational Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration as the Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration, Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Nursing and its Department of Public Health, Mental Health and Administrative Nursing has approved the Redesignation of the Occupational Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentration as the Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration within the Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing.

The Occupational Health/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist concentration prepares students for a career in public health nursing with a focus on hazard control, health promotion and safety for workers, employers, and communities while working with experienced peers as part of a multidisciplinary team. The redesignation of the concentration title will allow students to sit for the Community Health Nurse credentialing exam. Content required for the exam is included in the current program of study.

Redesignation of the Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration as the Occupational Health/Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration, Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Programs, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Nursing and its Department of Public Health, Mental Health and Administrative Nursing has approved the Redesignation of the Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration

as the Occupational Health/Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration within the Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Programs.

The Occupational Health/Family Nurse Practitioner concentration prepares nurses to deliver primary care services to children and adults across the lifespan with a focus on hazard control and health promotion and safety for workers, employers, and communities. The redesignation of the concentration title will allow students to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner credentialing exam. Content required for the exam is included in the current program of study.

Redesignation of the School Nurse Specialist Concentration as the School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration, Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Nursing and its Department of Public Health, Mental Health and Administrative Nursing has approved the Redesignation of the School Nurse Specialist Concentration as the School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration within the Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing.

The School/Advanced Community Health Nurse concentration prepares students for an administration role in a school setting. The redesignation of the concentration title will allow students to sit for the Community Health Nurse credentialing exam. Content required for the exam is included in the current program of study.

Redesignation of the School Nurse Practitioner Concentration as the School/Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration, Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Programs, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Nursing and its Department of Public Health, Mental Health and Administrative Nursing has approved the Redesignation of the School Nurse Practitioner Concentration as the School/Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration within the Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Programs.

The School/Family Nurse Practitioner concentration prepares students to work in a school-based health center providing primary health care for families. The redesignation of the concentration title will allow students to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner credentialing exam. Content required for the exam is included in the current program of study.

Redesignation of the Concentration in Management of Information Technology as the Concentration in Information and Performance Management, Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) Program, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and its Program in Public Administration has approved the Redesignation of the Concentration in Management of Information Technology as the Concentration in Information and Performance Management within the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) program.

This concentration emphasizes the use of information in public sector organizations, including information for managing projects and performance. Enrollment in this concentration has been low because students mistakenly believe that this is a technical concentration rather than an approach to managing information within the organization, for which information technology is one tool. Therefore, the rationale for the change in name is to make the concentration broader, and more accurate.

Redesignation of the Concentration in Hispanic Literary Studies as the Concentration in Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies, Master of Arts (M.A.) in Hispanic Studies Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its Department of Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese has approved the Redesignation of the Concentration in Hispanic Literary Studies as the Concentration in Hispanic Literary and Cultural Studies within the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Hispanic Studies Program.

Developments in the field of Hispanic Studies and new job opportunities in certain areas of literature and culture lead the department to recommend several changes in their programs. The revised Hispanic Literary Studies concentration title reflects the new balance of coursework between strictly literary studies and studies that more accurately fit into the category of general culture and popular culture.

Establishment of the (a) Concentration in Hispanic Studies, (b) Concentration in Hispanic Linguistics, and (c) Concentration in Hispanic Literatures and Cultural Studies within the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Spanish, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its Department of Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese has approved the Establishment of the (a) Concentration in Hispanic Studies, (b) Concentration in Hispanic Linguistics, and (c) Concentration in Hispanic Literatures and Cultural Studies within the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Spanish.

Students have voiced a strong desire for the option to specialize in the areas of literature and/or linguistics within the major. The three concentrations proposed respond to this need by allowing students the flexibility to explore both areas of study in a variety of ways. The primary aim of the Hispanic Studies (Generalist) concentration is to address the intellectual growth and practical needs of students who are interested in the study of Spanish, but who do not wish to specialize in a specific field of study. The Hispanic Linguistics concentration will introduce students to theoretical and applied models in linguistics studies and prepare them for a postgraduate program, as well as for the many professional applications of linguistics in technology, business, and government. The Hispanic Literatures and Cultural Studies concentration will expose students to a wide variety of critical and theoretical methods relevant to current trends in Hispanism and necessary for postgraduate studies in this field.

All three concentrations require 4 courses in Spanish for a total of 12 hours.

Establishment of the Joint Master of Arts (M.A.) in Anthropology/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Public Health, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its Department of Anthropology, along with the School of Public Health and its Divisions of Community Health Science and Epidemiology and Biostatistics, has approved the Establishment of the Joint Master of Arts (M.A.) in Anthropology/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Program.

The Master of Arts in Anthropology is an academic degree that provides the graduate with a broad training in the field of Anthropology, which includes cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, and archaeology. The Master of Public Health is a professional degree that ensures that the graduate has a general understanding of the field of public health, specific competence in a particular area (for this degree, the area will be either Community Health Sciences or Epidemiology), and concrete skills and experience in public health settings. The joint program integrates the fields of anthropology and public health; it combines the theoretical approaches of anthropology in understanding cultural and biological influences on patterns of health and illness, with the tools and applicability of public health approaches to real world health problems.

The joint program will require 71 to 76 total hours for completion.

Elimination of the Clinical Research Concentration, Master of Science (M.S.) in Public Health, School of Public Health, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the School of Public Health and its Division of Health Policy and Administration has acknowledged the Elimination of the Clinical Research Concentration within the Master of Science (M.S.) in Public Health.

Effective fall 2008, a new Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Science has been approved, which will replace the concentration offered under the M.S. program in this area.