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PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATE

Establish a Joint B.S./M.S. Program in Materials Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Engineering to establish a joint B.S./M.S. Program in Materials Science and Engineering.

The establishment of a joint B.S./M.S. degree program will make Materials Science and Engineering more attractive to the outstanding prospective undergraduates; aid the early entry of top undergraduates into a meaningful research project while encouraging students to plan early for graduate school; and enlarge the pool of highly qualified students for Ph.D. programs here and at other schools. Students pursuing this option will complete degree requirements for both degrees and will utilize overlap in coursework to allow completion in five years.

Establish Graduate Minor in Cinema Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a graduate minor in Cinema Studies.

The Graduate Minor in Cinema Studies promotes the graduate-level study of cinema and related screen media and their cultural and institutional contexts. Graduate students will complete 14 to 16 hours of coursework addressing the history and theory of cinema or related media topics. The Graduate Minor in Cinema Studies responds to demands for such a program from graduate students and faculty in several departments; it supplements studies in a wide range of fields and adds to the marketable areas of expertise and potential teaching qualifications of the Urbana-Champaign campus graduates.

Redesignate Interdisciplinary Minor in Russian and East European Studies,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to redesignate the interdisciplinary minor in Russian and East European Studies.

In 2004, the Russian and East European Center was redesignated the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, reflecting the fact that since the collapse of the Soviet Union the term Russia can no longer reasonably stand for all the former Soviet States. As a result, it has become common to use the term Eurasia to refer to the newly

independent states of the former Soviet Union. This redesignation made clear our continued inclusion in the minor of these non-Russian Eurasian areas. It is logical for the minor to be redesignated accordingly.