

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Economics, 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 the undergraduate minor in Economics. The proposed minor enables students to become knowledgeable in one of three core fields in economics: microeconomics, macroeconomics, or econometrics, as students will take a set of core economics courses then choose from one of these three fields for their minor elective courses. Economics is concerned with the creation, consumption, and transfer of wealth, important areas for all students to understand. The Economics minor will benefit students in all majors across the university who are interested in gaining this knowledge and having it reflected on their transcript.

Establish Concentrations in Painting, Sculpture, New Media, Printmaking, and General Studio Art within the Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to establish concentrations in Painting, Sculpture, New Media, Printmaking, and General Studio Art within the Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art. Establishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art is sought as an accompanying action item. Capitalizing on the innovative and interdisciplinary nature of the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Studio Arts program, these concentrations permit students to

experience a broad range of media practices or to focus on media-specific credits. As the concentration will be noted on students' transcripts, these concentrations indicate a level of expertise in a particular sub-discipline that will be useful in the pursuit of advanced study or in employment opportunities where particular material skills are needed.

Establish Concentrations in Painting, Sculpture, New Media, Printmaking, and General Studio Art within the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to establish concentrations in Painting, Sculpture, New Media, Printmaking, and General Studio Art within the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art. Establishment of the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Studio Art is sought as an accompanying action item. Selection of one of these proposed concentrations provides students in the BFA in Studio Art a way to navigate a dynamic curriculum that is responsive to current trends in art, culture, and creativity. As the concentration will be noted on students' transcripts, these concentrations indicate a level of expertise in a particular sub-discipline that will be useful in the pursuit of advanced study or in employment opportunities where particular material skills are needed.

Establish the Concentration in Rural Nursing Services in the Doctor of Nursing Practice, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Nursing has approved the establishment of the Concentration in Rural Nursing Services in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

The College of Nursing offers the DNP at Chicago and five regional sites: Peoria, Quad Cities, Rockford, Springfield, and Urbana. The degree is designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in the field, with a focus on clinical or administrative practice. Twelve specialties are available, including pediatric nurse practitioner, acute care, nurse midwifery, and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. The Rural Nursing Education Program is a supplemental program that prepares DNP graduates from all of the specialties to live and practice in rural communities. DNP students at all six sites may apply for admission to the program. The affiliated concentration will acknowledge the specialized education and clinical preparation students in the program have completed, and has the potential to provide students with a competitive advantage when seeking professional employment.

The concentration is comprised of eight one-hour courses. The first six courses focus on rural healthcare and community-oriented primary care issues. Students also gain an understanding of the unique issues facing rural communities and rural healthcare delivery. The final two courses are practicum experiences that emphasize clinical practice, including data-gathering, differential diagnosis, health promotion, disease prevention, and management of common health problems. These rural rotations are developed in partnership with UIC programs in rural medical and rural pharmacy education.