

Board Meeting
November 9, 2006

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATE

Establish the International Business Concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Management,¹ College of Business, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Business to establish the International Business concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Management degree program.

The International Business concentration is designed to provide students with sound understanding of international business principles and managerial issues faced by multinational companies that are essential for success in today's global economy. Students who select the concentration will be able to focus on political, cultural, and institutional differences among nations through courses offered across the university.

Establish a Graduate Concentration in Medieval 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 Medieval Studies.

¹See Action Items for establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Management.

The graduate concentration in Medieval Studies is designed to prepare students to be successful medievalists. The concentration builds a strong foundation by emphasizing essential linguistic tools, through both a core medieval language and a second medieval language that is pertinent to the student's research. In addition, students are encouraged to explore the interdisciplinary aspects of today's medieval scholarship through relevant course work outside of the field as well as seminars that feature guest lecturers from the United States and abroad.

Establish Four Graduate Concentrations in the Master of Social Work, Graduate College, and School of Social Work, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and the School of Social Work to establish four graduate concentrations in the Master of Social Work.

The graduate concentrations of Child Welfare, Health Care, Mental Health, and School Social Work have existed as specializations within the Social Work program. Recognition as graduate concentrations will allow for recording of these specialized areas of study on the student's transcript. The proposed concentrations convey to potential employers a student's academic preparation for a particular field of practice, thus helping students compete for jobs in their specialty area. The National Association of Social Workers has increasingly been recognizing and licensing specialty areas of practice. Therefore, recognition of the proposed concentrations will convey to accrediting bodies that a student's curriculum has prepared him or her to meet licensing and certification standards.