

Board Meeting
September 9, 2004

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATE

Establishment of an Alternative Certification Option within the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education

The Urbana-Champaign Graduate College, on behalf of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, has approved a proposal for the establishment of an alternative certification option within the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education.

To address the recent shortage of qualified secondary science and mathematics teachers the State of Illinois passed the Alternative Teachers Certification Program (Illinois School Code: 015 ILCS 5/21b), which allows students to gain teacher certification through a variety of alternate means. This new option provides a means through which students can gain teacher certification while pursuing a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. Students will complete the courses required for certification during a two-semester residency, a year-long student teaching experience, and the course requirements for the Master of Education in the third and final year.

Establishment of a Joint Degree between the Master of Architecture and the Master of Science in Civil Engineering

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College to establish a joint degree between the Master of Architecture and the Master of

Science in Civil Engineering. Students in this joint program must complete the requirements for both programs, with a maximum of five hours of complementary electives being applied to both degrees. The joint program serves the educational and professional interests of the students by preparing them to become leaders in today's multidisciplinary construction industry by facilitating their ability to procure professional licenses in both architecture and structural engineering. These complementary skills will make them highly attractive and successful in the marketplace.