

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

### Establish the Concentration in Data Analytics in Finance, Gies College of Business and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College to establish the concentration in Data Analytics in Finance. This proposed concentration will enhance graduate students' knowledge, skills, and professional opportunities related to using data analytic skills to solve business problems and effectively communicate analyses, findings, and conclusions. The concentration addresses the evolution of the field to require those entering finance and consulting jobs to include many aspects of data analytics. The Data Analytics in Finance concentration is designed to meet the large industry demand for graduates who possess the skills necessary to develop, implement, and deliver data analytics programs.

### Establish the Joint Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences and Master of Science in Crop Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College to establish the joint Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences and Master of Science in Crop Sciences. The joining of these two programs will allow students to concurrently receive a Bachelor of Science and a non-thesis Master of Science in Crop Sciences over a period

of five years. The proposed joint program is targeted toward students interested in obtaining graduate training to work in crop production, biotechnology, or other related fields.

Establish the Joint Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Sport and Tourism and Master of Science in Recreation, Sport and Tourism, College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College to establish the joint Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Sport and Tourism and Master of Science in Recreation, Sport and Tourism. The proposed program will create an accelerated path for undergraduates in Recreation, Sport and Tourism to pursue a master's degree. This will provide an option for current bachelor's students who know by the beginning of their junior year that they want to complete a professional Master of Science in Recreation, Sport and Tourism. As the demand for continuing education and master's-level education in recreation, sport, and tourism fields increases, the proposed five-year, joint degree program will provide students the knowledge and skills to be competitive for careers in these fields.

Establish the Concentration in Law and Policy in the Master of Jurisprudence, UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the UIC John Marshall Law School, has approved the establishment of the Concentration in Law and Policy in the Master of Jurisprudence.

Currently, candidates pursuing the Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) must complete one of seven concentrations (i.e., employee benefits, estate planning, intellectual property law, international business and trade law, privacy and technology law, real estate law, and tax law). An eighth concentration in law and policy provides a path for students to complete the MJ that is not as highly focused as the existing concentrations. It also serves as a complement for UIC students looking to supplement their previous degrees with a program that provides an effective introduction to the U.S. legal system and to policy questions embedded in the law. The MJ requires 30 hours, and has a common core of two courses in legal analysis and a substantive law overview. The remaining coursework is comprised of required and elective courses unique to each concentration. The Concentration in Law and Policy requires the MJ core, two required courses in contracts and administrative law, two selective courses in public law, two selective courses in private law, and electives as needed to reach 30 hours.

Establish the Undergraduate Campus Certificate in Polish Language, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has approved the establishment of the Undergraduate Campus Certificate in Polish Language.

The certificate is open to undergraduates in all colleges, and provides students interested in developing intermediate to advanced language proficiency in Polish with the opportunity to certify their acquisition of those language skills. Students with basic listening, oral, and writing skills, as taught in the beginning-level courses, can

satisfy the requirements of the certificate by completing five existing courses (17 hours): intermediate Polish I and II, advanced Polish through media and film, advanced Polish through contemporary culture, and advanced Polish through short stories. The certificate will train students to meet the need of city and state agencies, industry, business, healthcare providers, and educational institutions for advanced speakers of Polish to service the large population of Polish immigrants.

Establish the Undergraduate Campus Certificate in Russian Language, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has approved the establishment of the Undergraduate Campus Certificate in Russian Language.

The certificate is open to undergraduates in all colleges, and provides students interested in developing intermediate to advanced language proficiency in Russian with the opportunity to certify their acquisition of those language skills. Students with basic listening, oral, and writing skills, as taught in the beginning-level courses, can satisfy the requirements of the certificate by completing five existing courses (17 hours): intermediate Russian I and II, advanced Russian through media and film, advanced Russian through contemporary culture, and advanced Russian through short stories. The certificate will train students to meet city and state needs for advanced speakers of Russian to service a sizeable population of Russian immigrants. Further, given the global importance of modern Russia geopolitically and economically, students interested in fields such as political science, international relations, and economics

identify Russian language skills as important to their academic and professional development.

Revise the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has approved a revision of the curriculum of the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS).

The MLS curriculum has not been significantly revised since the degree program was established in 1973. The proposed changes to the curriculum include: restructuring, expansion, and equal distribution of major MLS content areas throughout the junior and senior years; incorporation of new content areas relevant to the professional landscape; certification exam preparation; and research in MLS. The proposed revisions do not affect the total number of credit hours required for the major and the curriculum will continue to meet the standards of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS). The strategic design and purposeful delivery of the proposed revision will enhance student learning, optimize programmatic outcome measures, and better reflect current professional MLS practice.