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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

### Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Psychology, 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 Psychology. Student inquiries in the past few years reflect a growing demand for a minor in psychology to compliment a variety of undergraduate majors. The minor has been designed to include both fundamental and advanced courses while not impacting the ability of students majoring in Psychology to enroll in the classes they need for degree completion. The flexibility of the minor will allow undergraduates to create programs of study which include psychology coursework in ways that substantially enhance their majors, meeting the interests and goals of these students.

### Establish the Concentration in Technology in the Bachelor of Music Education, 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 the concentration in Technology in the Bachelor of Music Education (BME). The Technology concentration will prepare students for contemporary and emerging practices related to teaching with, through, and about various technologies in K through 12 music classrooms. The addition of this concentration creates a new pathway for students to see themselves as music educators and allows

students in the BME program to explore areas such as acoustics, computer programming, digital and electronic music creation, electrical engineering, mediated educational environments, multimedia, sound recording and reproduction, and sound reinforcement. The concentration aligns well with innovations in the School of Music and prepares graduates to establish themselves in a wide variety of potential educational settings.

Establish the Graduate Minor in Statistics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to establish the graduate minor in Statistics. The minor will allow students to choose from a variety of mathematical statistics and applied statistics courses that will strengthen their skills in applying statistics in their primary disciplines. Given that graduate students in many fields other than Statistics frequently take graduate-level statistical methodology courses because they need this knowledge for their research, the statistics minor will enhance their graduate education. It will also provide a rigorous credential in statistics based on a well-defined core of courses, which will enhance graduates' employment prospects as researchers in an increasingly data-intensive world.

Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Criminology, Law, and Society, 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 Criminology, Law, and Society. The minor provides a foundation for students seeking to supplement their

major area of study with skills and knowledge needed for criminology-, law-, and justice-related occupations or for graduate study in criminology, sociology, or justice fields.

There has been growth nationally in employment sectors related to criminology and law, creating demand for students with background in these areas. Academic majors and minors are especially important given current national events related to law and crime, and the proposed minor will fill a gap at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which currently has no other academic program to serve this market need.

Eliminate the Concentration in American Civilization from the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Interdisciplinary 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 eliminate the American Civilization concentration from the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Interdisciplinary Studies major. The Interdisciplinary Studies major has four undergraduate concentrations: American Civilization, Jewish Studies, Medieval Studies, and Renaissance Studies. Each of the concentrations in Interdisciplinary Studies is meant to be supervised by faculty members whose scholarship and educational interests have involved them in interdisciplinary teaching and research. The Medieval Studies concentration is overseen by faculty in the Program in Medieval Studies, and the Jewish Studies Concentration is overseen by faculty in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society. Neither the concentration in American Civilization nor the one in Renaissance Studies has the same level of faculty oversight. Student interest in the concentration has also declined to the point that there

have been no enrolled students in the American Civilization concentration in the past two years.

Eliminate the Concentration in Renaissance Studies from the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Interdisciplinary 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 eliminate the Renaissance Studies concentration from the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Interdisciplinary Studies major. The Interdisciplinary Studies major has four undergraduate concentrations: American Civilization, Jewish Studies, Medieval Studies, and Renaissance Studies. Each of the concentrations in Interdisciplinary Studies is meant to be supervised by faculty members whose scholarship and educational interests have involved them in interdisciplinary teaching and research. The Medieval Studies concentration is overseen by faculty in the Program in Medieval Studies, and the Jewish Studies Concentration is overseen by faculty in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society. Neither the concentration in American Civilization nor the one in Renaissance Studies has the same level of faculty oversight. Student interest in the concentration has also declined to the point that there has been only one enrolled student in the Renaissance Studies concentration in the past two years. Arrangements will be made with this student to complete the degree.

Establish the Minor in Entrepreneurship, College of Business Administration, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Business Administration has approved the establishment of the Minor in Entrepreneurship.

The Minor in Entrepreneurship offers students the opportunity to acquire entrepreneurial skills that will give them a competitive strength in the job market and contribute to long-term success in their careers. The minor is open to undergraduate students from any college, and requires 12- to 15-credit hours. Required coursework in entrepreneurship and new venture planning is complemented by selective courses covering a range of topics including social entrepreneurship, international entrepreneurship, family business management, negotiation and conflict resolution, and digital and social media marketing.

Eliminate the Secondary Concentration in Hazardous Substances Management in the Master of Science in Public Health, School of Public Health and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the School of Public Health and the Graduate College has approved the elimination of the Secondary Concentration in Hazardous Substances Management in the Master of Science in Public Health.

The M.S. in Public Health has five primary concentrations, one of which is the program in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences (EOHS). EOHS students have the option of pursuing a number of secondary concentrations that reflect areas of specialization within the discipline, including Hazardous Substances Management (HSM). The HSM secondary concentration is being eliminated as the result of the loss of federal funding which subsidized a required 40-hour hazardous waste worker training. Attempts to secure alternate funding were unsuccessful. EOHS students

interested in related academic content will continue to have access to the Secondary Concentration in Industrial Hygiene.

Establish the Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance within the Master of Business Administration, College of Business and Management, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Business and Management has approved the establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance within the Master of Business Administration.

The purpose of the Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance is to provide financial service professionals and graduate students aspiring to pursue careers in financial institutions or financial management units with knowledge of the managerial aspects of institutional and personal finance. With solid job market demand for financial managers and practitioners in Central Illinois and with expectations for strong growth in the financial service industry, the certificate is expected to be of interest to traditional and nontraditional students for careers and advancement in corporate, government, and non-profit organizations. The 12-credit hour certificate will be offered in an on-ground format and may be earned in conjunction not only with the MBA, but also with other College of Business and Management graduate degrees.

Establish the Graduate Certificate in Operations and Supply Chain Management, College of Business and Management, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Business and Management has approved the establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Operations and Supply Chain Management.

The Graduate Certificate in Operations and Supply Chain Management will provide students with competencies in designing business processes and supply chain solutions to meet the needs of companies and organizations that operate in global and volatile markets. The certificate is expected to appeal to a wide-range of industries including retail, healthcare, manufacturing, logistics, and banking, as well as government agencies and non-profit organizations. It will prepare students for careers as managers and analysts in fields such as operations and supply chain management, logistics, and quality control. The nine-hour certificate will be offered in both on-ground and blended formats and may be taken as a stand-alone certificate or earned in conjunction with the MBA or another graduate degree.

Revise the Bachelor of Arts in English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,  
Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has approved the revision of the curriculum of the Bachelor of Arts in English.

Currently students seeking a Bachelor's degree in English are required to complete a concentration in General English/Literary Studies, Writing, Rhetoric, and Language, or English Education and a range of 31- to 37-hours are required to complete the degree. The proposed revision will eliminate the concentrations and create a single, general 40-hour curriculum for students. This revision will simplify degree requirements, create a more predictable pathway through the major, and shift more emphasis on writing and research into the first two years of the curriculum to better prepare students for

upper-division coursework. The degree will continue to be offered in both on-ground and online formats. The concentrations will be moved to phase down status and will be formally eliminated once all currently-enrolled students have been given adequate time to complete the current degree requirements.