

Board Meeting
January 21, 2010

ELIMINATE SIX MASTER OF TEACHING DEGREES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL
ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Approve Elimination of Six Master of Teaching Degrees, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Interim Provost/Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to eliminate the Master of Arts in the Teaching of English, the Master of Arts in the Teaching of French, the Master of Arts in the Teaching of Physical Sciences, the Master of Arts in the Teaching of Russian, the Master of Arts in the Teaching of Spanish, and the Master of Arts in the Teaching of Speech Communication.

The units associated with these degree programs have not offered them in recent years because of changes in their academic disciplines. Very few students are enrolled and still wish to finish these degrees. Those students who are enrolled will be allowed to complete their degrees, but no new students will be accepted. Eliminating these programs helps to alleviate confusion given that the Illinois State Board of Education does not certify graduates of these programs to teach.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The*

General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The Interim President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.