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ELIMINATE THE MASTER OF JOURNALISM IN JOURNALISM, COLLEGE OF MEDIA AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Eliminate the Master of Journalism in Journalism, College of Media and the Graduate College

**Funding:** No funding impact is expected.

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois System, with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Media and the Graduate College to eliminate the Master of Journalism in Journalism.

Student interest in the Master of Journalism (MJ) program did not meet expectations, and there is currently only one student enrolled. That student is expected to graduate in Spring 2023, and then the program will be eliminated. A companion report item seeks elimination of the joint Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Master of Journalism in Journalism. Student demand has been for the “Science Journalism” track in the Master of Science in Journalism program, and accordingly, staffing and resources are focused to that program. The MS in Journalism remains an option for prospective students.

There is no impact on funding, facilities, libraries, or technology, as these resources have been shifting and, upon elimination of the Master of Journalism program, will completely shift into the Master of Science in Journalism program.

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

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