

Board Meeting
May 21, 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATE

Establish a Joint Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and any Master's or Ph.D., Graduate College and College of Business, Urbana

The Graduate College has approved, on behalf of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, a proposal from the Graduate College and College of Business to establish a Joint Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and any Master's or Ph.D.

The establishment of the Joint Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and any Master's or Ph.D. allows students seeking a Master's or Ph.D. in another college, school, or department to jointly earn an M.B.A. The joint degree adds to the academic strength on campus, fosters interdisciplinary study and collaboration, and enhances the academic program of students both within and outside the MBA. Students would benefit from an interdisciplinary program that encourages them to incorporate and intertwine the content of their two disciplines while still retaining the full educational value of each degree.

Revise the Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum in the College of Veterinary Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine to revise the Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The request to revise the Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum is in response to societal and technical expectations that challenge the more traditional means of delivering veterinary curricula. The proposed revised curricula addresses these societal and technological challenges and responds to outcomes assessment in which graduates repeatedly recommend increased integration of clinical experiences with basic science subject matter to improve the medical relevancy throughout the curriculum.

Convert the Graduate Options in Food Science and Human Nutrition to Establish a Food Science Concentration and Human Nutrition Concentration in the M.S. and Ph.D. in Food Science and Human Nutrition, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to convert the Graduate Options in Food Science and Human Nutrition and establish a Food Science Concentration and Human Nutrition Concentration in the M.S. and Ph.D. in Food Science and Human Nutrition.

The request to convert the Graduate Options in the Food Science and Human Nutrition into Concentrations will document the specific training for those seeking to verify the educational background of our graduates. While food science and nutrition are highly related disciplines, in reality, the academic fields are substantially different in formal training and career opportunities. Currently the degree title suggests expertise in both fields while most students obtain training in only one.

Eliminate the Concentration in Glass in the B.F.A. in Crafts in the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to eliminate the Concentration in Glass in the B.F.A. in Crafts.

The request to eliminate the Concentration in Glass in the B.F.A. in Crafts is due to a combination of small enrollment, the departure of the only faculty member that staffed the program, and to allow the glass production facility to be closed.

Establish a Minor in Hindi 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 establish a minor in Hindi Studies.

The establishment of a minor in Hindi Studies will meet the steadily increasing enrollments in the Hindi program and the expressed interest of the students for broadening and complementing their disciplinary majors with a minor. The minor will

also expand the scope and focus of International Studies by offering students the chance to opt for a focused and deeper knowledge of Hindi language and culture.

Establish an Interdisciplinary Minor in Museum Studies, Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish an Interdisciplinary Minor in Museum Studies.

The proposed minor will provide students with the applied theory required to work with or in museums, while also enabling them to become knowledge specialists in their particular disciplines. Student and faculty interest in museum studies is high due to: (a) the role of museums in global tourism, urban economic development, multiculturalism, and the creation of identities; (b) the museums as sites of both research and employment; and (c) the way in which museums act as intersections between a broad range of academic disciplines. The minor has the potential to be at the cutting edge of research and practice, bringing top quality graduate students to the University and to attract significant positive attention to the University by enhancing the quality of research, teaching, and service.

Eliminate the Elementary Education--Certification Concentration in the Ed.M. in Elementary Education, Graduate College and College of Education, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and College of Education to eliminate the Elementary Education-Certification Concentration in the Ed.M. in Elementary Education.

The Elementary Education-Certification Concentration is no longer needed. Students applying to this program will be in Elementary Education. The concentration is redundant.

Establish the Joint Degree M.A. in African Studies and M.S. in Library and Information Science, Graduate College, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Urbana

The Graduate College has approved, on behalf of the Urbana-Champaign Senate, a proposal from the Graduate College, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences to establish a Joint Degree M.A. in African Studies and M.S. in Library and Information Science.

The request to establish the joint degree M.A. in African Studies and M.S. in Library and Information Science addresses the need to serve students who have an interest in African Studies and in a career in librarianship. It will also help internationalize the Graduate School of Library and Information Science curriculum and encourage more research in African and African diaspora studies and in library and information science.

Establishment of the Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Science/Doctor of
Pharmacy Joint Degree Program,
School of Public Health and College of Pharmacy, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the School of Public Health and the College of Pharmacy has approved the establishment of the Master of Science (M.S.) in Clinical and Translational Science and the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Joint Degree Program.

The proposed five-year program will prepare pharmacy school graduates with the skills required to combine their clinical knowledge with the knowledge and skills needed to conduct research to prepare them for careers as researchers in the clinical and translational sciences. The joint degree program will be available to pharmacy students with a mentored research requirement that will draw on their clinical and research training. The program will typically require one year beyond the commitment for the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

No more than 12 hours will consist of shared coursework.

Establishment of the Concentration in Nonprofit Management,
Master of Public Administration,
College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and its Department of Public Administration has approved the establishment of the Concentration in Nonprofit Management within the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) program.

The Department of Public Administration in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs is proposing a concentration in nonprofit management as an additional concentration option for students in the M.P.A. program. There is significant interest among current and prospective students, as well as recent graduates of the program, in nonprofit management as an area of study. Much of this interest stems from the fact that students increasingly anticipate careers that span the boundaries between the public and nonprofit sectors.

The concentration will require students to complete three courses for a total of 12 credit hours.

Redesignation of the Minor in Real Estate as the Minor in Urban Real Estate,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its Department of Economics has approved the redesignation of the Minor in Real Estate as the Minor in Urban Real Estate.

Adding the adjective “urban” reflects the focus of this program on issues pertaining to Real Estate in big cities, and also its broad perspective encompassing Urban and Regional Economics.

The Minor in Urban Real Estate requires 18 hours of coursework.

Redesignation of the Minor in Labor Markets and Workforce Development as the Minor
in Human Capital and Labor Markets,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its Department of Economics has approved the redesignation of the Minor in Labor Markets and Workforce Development as the Minor in Human Capital and Labor Markets.

The title “Human Capital and Labor Markets” reflects the various aspects of human capital covered by this minor, including labor, education, demography, and health, using both economic and sociological perspectives.

The Minor in Human Capital and Labor Markets requires 18 hours of coursework.

Reorganization of the Concentrations in the Major in English,
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,
Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its Department of English has approved the reorganization of the concentrations in the Major in English, for the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The concentrations within the Major in English have been reduced from a total of eleven to four. Many of the current concentrations have been eliminated, and courses within them have been redistributed; while some current concentrations have

been combined. The new concentrations are: British and Anglophone Literature; American Literature; Media, Rhetorical and Cultural Studies; and Creative Writing.

The previously large number of concentrations made it difficult for the department to offer a sufficient number of courses to ensure that students completed their concentrations. Reducing the number of concentrations will streamline the major and make it easier for students and their advisors to track students' progress toward degree.

Students choose three courses within a concentration for a total of nine credit hours.

Establishment of Undergraduate Minor in the Communication Department,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

The Springfield Senate has approved a proposal from the Communication Department within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish an Undergraduate Minor in Theatre.

The minor is designed to provide an opportunity for students to formally broaden their theatrical knowledge and experiences. Students completing this minor will develop a strong sense of teamwork, as the process of creating theatre is largely collaborative, and learning about creating theatre fosters collaborative skills, necessary in today's marketplace. The minor will provide the aspiring theatre student an enhanced professional setting in which to work as a theatre artist. The critical thinking and creative team skills learned throughout a theatre minor are widely needed and applicable to numerous professions and occupations.

Elimination of Minor in Labor Relations, Department of Political Science,
College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate has approved a proposal from the Department of Political Science within the College of Public Affairs and Administration to eliminate the Minor in Labor Relations. The Minor in Labor Relations is no longer viable. The minor was offered through the joint efforts of three professors from the Political Science and Legal Studies departments, all of whom have retired as of August 2007. The expertise of these professors was not replaced. There are no students currently pursuing this minor and the last time a course was offered for the minor was Spring 2006.