

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
(Final; Information)

EP.20.175 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy

In accordance with *Bylaws*, Part D, Section 8, the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) examines and makes recommendations to the Senate concerning appropriate action on educational policy matters over which the Senate has legislative jurisdiction, including degree programs; initiation, changes or discontinuance of curricula; requirements for award of degrees; grading regulations; review and evaluation of experimental educational programs; and budgetary implications of the foregoing.

This report summarizes the activities of EP during the 2019-2020 academic year. EP met on September 9, September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, December 9, January 27, February 3, February 17, March 2, March 30, April 6, April 8, April 13, April 20 and April 27, May 4, May 11 and potentially beyond that date as warranted to provide expedited review of urgent matters during the COVID-19 pandemic. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

A significant change in committee procedures this year involved a shift away from asking proposal sponsors to complete a special form for each proposal. Committee members worked with the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Registrar to simplify the questions and integrate them within the University's CourseLeaf academic catalog system, then to brief contacts from each college. Among other things, this eliminated the need for sponsors to complete two sets of paperwork and automated the process of verifying that program requirements matched actual courses in the academic catalog. Simultaneously, an effort was made to elicit shorter, more focused yet open-ended answers to common questions to streamline the entire process.

It may be useful to understand procedures employed by the committee. Proposals are referred to the committee by the Office of the Provost. To expedite handling of routine proposals, an Assistant Provost and the committee chair review each item and agree to identify some noncontroversial items, which would not require Board of Trustees approval, as candidates for administrative approval. The full committee is notified of and receives access to the full text of each such proposal at least four days before each meeting and is briefed on their contents at that meeting. Any member may opt to remove any proposal from the administrative approval list. If so, it becomes a regular agenda item. Items not removed are approved as a package and reported to the Senate.

Each proposal not considered an administrative approval is assigned to one of three subcommittees, whose chairs take the lead in working with sponsors and other committee members to identify questions and seek any clarification, documentation or adjustment that might facilitate consideration of the proposal by the full committee. Each voting member of the full committee serves on one of the subcommittees. After a subcommittee chair has worked with the proposal sponsor to prepare the proposal for a meeting of the full committee, the subcommittee chair presents the proposal, and the full committee discusses it and, ultimately, takes action to forward the proposal to the full Senate along with the committee's recommendation on how the Senate might respond.

Committee and subcommittee members never alter any proposal in any way. Any changes are made by proposal sponsors themselves and are routed back through the same approval path as the original document so that responsible people at each step along the way are made aware of any changes. The committee also has adopted a strategy of not seeking to improve the writing of any proposal unless the writing is ambiguous to the extent that it might be misunderstood. Likewise, the committee does not seek to substitute its judgment for the judgment of disciplinary experts in determining exactly what is needed and how it should be supplied within each academic program. Rather, the committee is primarily concerned with potential unanticipated impacts on students or on other programs that might not have been party to drafting the original proposal. In that role, it often invites comments from units affected by the sponsored proposal, especially units whose courses are added or dropped. The committee also encourages dialogue among units with overlapping curricula to facilitate interdepartmental and interdisciplinary cooperation and reduce overlap and expense.

In addition to handling proposals, the committee received various briefings and had associated discussions to educate members about important work and policies that relate to the work of the committee.

So far, this academic year, the committee has considered a record number of proposals — more than 180, and the count continues to grow as the committee has not yet adjourned for the year. It also has endorsed numerous other changes contained in lists of administrative approvals reported to the Senate. As of this writing, unresolved proposals include one related to review of the *Bylaws*, Part D.8 , which has been referred to the Senate Committee on University Senate Statutes and Procedures; one related to establishing a minimum number of credit hours for the awarding of combined bachelor's/master's, which is awaiting an opportunity to meet with various stakeholders; and several new items that arrived with the committee in recent days.

Below is a list of items acted upon by the Senate this academic year. The committee is happy to report that its attempts to anticipate senators' questions in advance apparently met with sufficient success to allow the overwhelming majority of these items to appear on the Senate's consent agenda. Items are listed by identifier, title and the date upon which each was approved by the Senate. An asterisk (\*) after the identifier indicates that the item was on the Senate's action agenda. All other items appeared on its consent or reports agendas.

**I. ITEMS APPROVED BY SENATE**

EP.19.69	Establish a Major in Translational Medical Sciences in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine for the Degree of Master of Science	02/10/2020
EP.20.01	Establish a Master of Veterinary Science (MVS) Degree	11/11/2019
EP.20.02	Establish a New Major in Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems, Leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Science in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences	10/14/2019
EP.20.03	Establish a Major in Livestock Systems Health, Master of Veterinary Science	11/11/2019
EP.20.04	Establish a New Graduate-level Concentration Titled "Data Analytics in Finance" in the Department of Finance in the Gies College of Business	11/11/2019
EP.20.06	Revise the BALAS in History, Social Science: History Teaching concentration, Department of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	10/14/2019
EP.20.07	Revise the Minor in Architectural Studies, School of Architecture, College of Fine and Applied Arts	10/14/2019
EP.20.08	Eliminate via Phase Down the Teaching of Biology Concentration, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology and School of Integrative Biology, Liberal Arts and Sciences	10/14/2019
EP.20.09	Revise the Bachelor of Music Education Concentration Name of "Elementary General Music" to "General Music," School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts	10/14/2019
EP.20.10	Suspension of Enrollment in Full-time Residential and Part-time MBA Programs	04/27/2020
EP.20.11	Revise the Computer Science + Crop Sciences Major for the Bachelor of Science Degree, in the Department of Crop Sciences, College of ACES, and the Department of Computer Science, College of Engineering	11/11/2019
EP.20.13	Eliminate (via phase down) the Bachelor of Fine Arts in New Media in the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts	10/14/2019
EP.20.14	Eliminate (via phase down) the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture in the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts	10/14/2019
EP.20.15	Eliminate (via phase down) the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting in the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts	10/14/2019

EP.20.17	Elimination of Requirement of a Masters Degree for Admission to Agricultural and Applied Economics PhD Program	10/14/2019
EP.20.18	Change the Name of the PhD Program for School of Information Sciences	10/14/2019
EP.20.19	Establish Joint Program in the Department of Crop Sciences for BS/MS	11/11/2019
EP.20.20	Establish a Graduate Concentration in Developmental Psychopathology in the PhD in Psychology, Department of Psychology	10/14/2019
EP.20.22	Proposal to rename the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities and establish the "Humanities Research Institute" as a permanent institute.	11/11/2019
EP.20.23	Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major	11/11/2019
EP.20.24	Establishing a 5-year BS/MS option in the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism (RST)	11/11/2019
EP.20.25	Establish a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology Major	11/11/2019
EP.20.26	Proposal to rescind the restructuring of College of Veterinary Medicine PhD programs into a single doctoral program named "Comparative Biomedical Sciences" and to continue the existing PhD programs in Comparative Biosciences and Pathobiology.	11/11/2019
EP.20.27	Proposal to Continue the existing PhD programs in Comparative Biosciences	11/11/2019
EP.20.28	Proposal to continue the existing PhD programs in Pathobiology	11/11/2019
EP.20.29	Establish an Undergraduate Minor In Legal Studies	12/09/2019
EP.20.30	Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major and Concentrations, BS (Neuroscience)	11/11/2019
EP.20.31	Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major and Concentrations, BS (Audiology)	11/11/2019
EP.20.32	Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major and Concentrations, BS (Language Pathology)	11/11/2019
EP.20.33	Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major and Concentrations (Cultural-Linguistic Diversity)	11/11/2019
EP.20.34	Establish a Minor in Disability Studies in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, College of Applied Health Sciences	02/10/2020

EP.20.36	Revising Concentrations within Germanic Studies	12/09/2019
EP.20.37	Revise Requirements for the German Business and Commercial Studies Concentration	12/09/2019
EP.20.38	Revise Concentration Name to German Studies and Revise Requirements	12/09/2019
EP.20.39	Eliminate the German Linguistics Concentration	12/09/2019
EP.20.40	Revise the Scandinavian Studies Concentration Requirements	12/09/2019
EP.20.41	Establish Joint Program in the Department of Crop Sciences for the BS of Computer Science + Crop Sciences and MS in Crop Sciences	12/09/2019
EP.20.44	Eliminate the BS MS in Industrial Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.45	Eliminate the BS MS in Mechanical Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.46	Revision of Curriculum Requirements for the Ph.D. in Civil Engineering to Add a 96-Credit Hour Option	02/10/2020
EP.20.47	Revision of Curriculum Requirements for the Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering to Add a 96-Credit Hour Option	02/10/2020
EP.20.48	Revision to the Master of Accounting Science (MAS) Degree Course Requirements	02/10/2010
EP.20.49	Revision to Taxation Concentration. Revision to the Master of Accounting Science (MAS) Degree Course Requirements	02/10/2020
EP.20.50	Revision to the Data Analytics Concentration. Revision to the Master of Accounting Science (MAS) Degree Course Requirements	02/10/2020
EP.20.51	Financial Reporting & Assurance Concentration. Revision to the Master of Accounting Science (MAS) Degree Course Requirements	02/10/2020
EP.20.52	Establish Joint Program in the Department of Animal Sciences for the BS/MANSC	02/10/2020
EP.20.53	Establish a joint BS (CS+ANSC)/MANSC Program in the Department of Animal Sciences	02/10/2020
EP.20.54	Revise the BALAS in Classics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, to Eliminate the Five Ways Students Can Choose a Classics Major (Major in Classics (Without a Concentration) and the Four Concentrations in Greek, Latin, Classics, Classical Civilization, and Classical Archeology. Add Concentrations in Classical Languages and Classical Civilizations as the Only Two Options Students May Pursue a Classics Major	02/10/2020

EP.20.55	Revise the BALAS in Classics: Classical Archeology	02/10/2020
EP.20.56	Revise the BALAS in Classics: Classical Civilization	02/10/2020
EP.20.57	Elimination of the Undergraduate Minor: Classical Archaeology. In Conjunction with the Elimination of Three Other Undergraduate Minors in the Department of Classics: Classical Civilization, Greek, Latin; and the Creation of Two Minors: Classical Civilizations and Classical Languages	02/10/2020
EP.20.58	Elimination of the Undergraduate Minor: Greek Minor	02/10/2020
EP.20.59	Elimination of the Undergraduate Minor: Classical Civilization	02/10/2020
EP.20.60	Elimination of the Undergraduate Minor: Latin Minor	02/10/2020
EP.20.61	Creation of a new Undergraduate Minor: Classical Civilizations	02/10/2020
EP.20.62	Creation of a new Undergraduate Minor: Classical Languages	02/10/2020
EP.20.63	Revise the BALAS in Classics, Classical Civilizations	02/10/2020
EP.20.64	Revise the BALAS in Classics, Classical Languages	02/10/2020
EP.20.65	Revising EdD Degree Program Course and Exam Requirement	02/10/2020
EP.20.66	Revise the Minor in German, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures	02/10/2020
EP.20.67	Revise the BALAS in Classics	02/10/2020
EP.20.68	Revise the BALAS in Classics: Latin	02/10/2020
EP.20.69	Establish a new Master of Science (M.S.) in Mental Health Counseling in the Department of Educational Psychology, College of Education	02/10/2020
EP.20.70	Proposal to Establish a New Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Plant Biotechnology (B.S. in Plant Biotech) in the Department of Crop Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences	02/10/2020
EP.20.71	Revision to the Chemistry Minor	02/10/2020
EP.20.72	Urban Studies & Planning: Social Justice	02/10/2020
EP.20.75	Remove Art History PhD, Art Education PhD, and Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership MA, EdM, and CAS from a List of Programs Participating in the Writing Studies Floating Concentration	02/10/2020
EP.20.76	Create a new Minor in German Business and Commercial Studies	02/10/2020

EP.20.77	Computer Science & Philosophy, BSLAS (Revisions to the BSLAS in Computer Science & Philosophy, Department of Philosophy)	02/10/2020
EP.20.78	Computer Science Minor	02/10/2020
EP.20.79	New Proposal for BFA in Theatre: Arts & Entertainment Technology	02/10/2020
EP.20.80	Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Scenic Design. EP.20.80-EP.20.89 Summary	02/10/2020
EP.20.81	Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Sound Design & Technology	02/10/2020
EP.20.82	Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Lighting Design & Technology	02/10/2020
EP.20.83	Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Scenic Technology	02/10/2020
EP.20.84	Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Costume Design & Technology	02/10/2020
EP.20.85	Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Acting	02/10/2020
EP.20.86	Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre	02/10/2020
EP.20.87	Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Theatre Studies	02/10/2020
EP.20.88	Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Stage Management	02/10/2020
EP.20.89	Revising Requirements in Theatre Minor, UG	02/10/2020
EP.20.90	Computer Science & Astronomy, BSLAS (Revise the BSLAS in Computer Science & Astronomy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)	02/10/2020
EP.20.91	Revising Requirements for BS in Civil Engineering. EP.20.91-EP.20.104 Summary	02/10/2020
EP.20.92	Revising Requirements for BS in Computer Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.93	Revising Requirements for BSAG in Agricultural and Biological Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.94	Revising Requirements for BS in Agricultural and Biological Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.95	Revising Requirements for BS in Agricultural & Biological Engineering: Agricultural Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.96	Revising Requirements for BS in Agricultural & Biological Engineering: Biological Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.97	Revising Requirements for BS in Computer Science	02/10/2020
EP.20.98	Revising Requirements for BS in Electrical Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.99	Revising Requirements for BS in Engineering Mechanics	02/10/2020

EP.20.100	Revising Requirements for BS in Engineering Physics	02/10/2020
EP.20.101	Revising Requirements for BS in Systems Engineering & Design	02/10/2020
EP.20.102	Revising Requirements for BS in Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.103	Revising Requirements for BS in Mechanical Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.104	Revising Requirements for BS in Materials Science & Engineering	02/10/2020
EP.20.105	Revising Requirements for BS in Industrial Engineering	03/09/2020
EP.20.107	Eliminate the Teaching East Asian Languages concentration within the BALAS in East Asian Languages and Cultures	03/09/2020
EP.20.108	Add Other Language Courses to the Spanish Minor	03/09/2020
EP.20.109	Add Other Language Courses to the Spanish, BALAS	03/09/2020
EP.20.111	Update the Management, BS	04/06/2020
EP.20.112	Deactivate the International Business Concentration	03/09/2020
EP.20.113	Create an International Business Minor	03/09/2020
EP.20.114	Deactivate the General Management Concentration in Management, BS	03/09/2020
EP.20.115	Phase Down of 1-Year M.ARCH Track	03/09/2020
EP.20.116	New Concentration in Building Performance in the Master of Architecture (M.ARCH) Program.	03/09/2020
EP.20.117	New Concentration in Health and Wellbeing in the Master of Architecture (M.ARCH)	03/09/2020
EP.20.118	New Concentration in Urbanism in the Master of Architecture (M.ARCH) Program	03/09/2020
EP.20.119	Eliminate the MS in the Teaching of Earth Science, Department of Geology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	03/09/2020
EP.20.120	Revise the Master of Science in Community Health	03/09/2020
EP.20.121	Revising EdD Degree Program Course and Exam Requirement	03/09/2020
EP.20.122	Proposal to Relocate the Interdisciplinary Health Studies Major: Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS	03/09/2020



EP.20.123	Proposal to Relocate the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS ( Health & Aging concentration)	03/09/2020
EP.20.124	Proposal to Relocate the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS ( Health Behavior Change Concentration)	03/09/2020
EP.20.125	Proposal to Relocate the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS ( Health Diversity Concentration)	03/09/2020
EP.20.126	Critical Film Production Minor	04/27/2020
EP.20.127	Art Undeclared	04/27/2020
EP.20.128	Establish a new Fashion concentration within the BASA major in Studio Art	04/06/2020
EP.20.129	Establish a new Fashion concentration within the BFASA major in Studio Art	04/06/2020
EP.20.131	Establish a new Photography concentration within the BASA major in Studio Art	04/06/2020
EP.20.132	Establish a new Photography concentration within the BFASA major in Studio Art	04/06/2020
EP.20.133	Bioengineering, BS: Revising How General Education Requirements are Shown; Revising How Free and Liberal Education Electives are Shown	03/09/2020
EP.20.135	Agricultural & Consumer Economics, BS	04/06/2020
EP.20.136	Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Communications - Advertising, BS	04/27/2020
EP.20.137	Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Communications - Journalism, BS	04/27/2020
EP.20.138	JP: Agricultural & Consumer Economics, BS and Agricultural & Applied Economics, MAAE	04/06/2020
EP.20.139	Information Management, MS (on campus & online)	04/06/2020
EP.20.141	Art & Design: Design for Responsible Innovation, MFA	04/27/2020
EP.20.142	Community Health, PhD	04/06/2020
EP.20.143	Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, PhD	04/06/2020
EP.20.144*	Management, MS	04/06/2020
EP.20.146	Business Data Analytics Concentration - Floating	04/06/2020

EP.20.147	Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Organizational & Community Leadership, BS	04/27/2020
EP.20.148	Accountancy: Accountancy Analytics, MS (online)	04/06/2020
EP.20.149	Technology Management Graduate Concentration	04/06/2020
EP.20.150	Revision of the Curriculum Requirements for the M.S. in Financial Engineering, Department of Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering, The Grainger College of Engineering	04/06/2020
EP.20.151	Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Education, BS	04/06/2020
EP.20.152	BS: Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications, BS	04/06/2020
EP.20.153	Business Analytics, MS	04/27/2020
EP.20.154	Finance Concentration - Floating	04/27/2020
EP.20.155	Urban Studies & Planning: Social Justice, BA	04/06/2020
EP.20.156	Urban Studies & Planning: Global Cities, BA	04/06/2020
EP.20.157	Urban Studies & Planning: Policy & Planning, BA	04/06/2020
EP.20.158	Urban Studies & Planning: Sustainability, BA	04/06/2020
EP.20.159	Urban Studies & Planning, BA	04/06/2020
EP.20.160	Approval Process for the Establishment of Online Delivery Mode of Instruction to Existing, On-Campus Graduate Degree Programs	04/27/2020
EP.20.163	Proposal to Transfer Administration of Informatics and the Related Academic Programs from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost to the School of Information Sciences	04/27/2020
EP.20.164	Landscape Architecture, PhD	04/27/2020
EP.20.165	Architecture, PhD	04/27/2020
EP.20.166	Strategic Brand Communication, MS – Online	04/27/2020
EP.20.167	Establishment of the Campus Graduate Certificate	04/27/2020
EP.20.168	South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, MA	04/27/2020
EP.20.170	Innovation, Leadership & Engineering Entrepreneurship, BS	04/27/2020
EP.20.171	Aerospace Engineering, BS	04/27/2020

EP.20.172\* Resolution on Online Graduate Programs 04/27/2020

**II. ITEMS REPORTED TO THE SENATE**

EP.20.05	Report of Administrative Approvals through September 9, 2019	09/16/2019
EP.20.16	Report of Administrative Approvals through September 23, 2019	10/14/2019
EP.20.21	Report of Administrative Approvals through October 7, 2019	10/14/2019
EP.20.42	Report of Administrative Approvals through November 12, 2019	12/09/2019
EP.20.73	Report of Administrative Approvals through December 2, 2019	02/10/2020
EP.20.74	Report of Administrative Approvals through February 10, 2020	02/10/2020
EP.20.106	Report of Administrative Approvals through February 10, 2020	02/10/2020
EP.20.110	Report of Administrative Approvals through February 17, 2020	03/09/2020
EP.20.130	Report of Administrative Approvals through March 2, 2020	03/09/2020
EP.20.134	Report of Administrative Approvals through March 30, 2020 (SC.20.24)	04/27/2020
EP.20.161	Discussion to Identify Any Urgent Issues of Educational Policy Arising from COVID-19 Stay-At-Home Orders	04/27/2020
EP.20.162	Report of Administrative Approvals through April 13, 2020	04/27/2020

**III. ITEMS APPROVED THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE SENATE ON MAY 27, 2020**

EP.20.140	Advanced Analytics in Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering – Floating (Approved as part of EP.20.134)
EP.20.145	Accountancy: Taxation Concentration (Approved as part of EP.20.134)
EP.20.169	Media Minor - UG
EP.20.174	Discussion on the Zhejiang University – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Institute
EP.20.176	Engineering: Computational Engineering, Meng
EP.20.177	Proposal to Reclassify Center for Translational Studies as a Program
EP.20.178	Law, LLM
EP.20.179	Law, MSL

- EP.20.180 Report of Administrative Approvals through May 11, 2020
- EP.20.181 Recreation, Sport and Tourism Minor

**IV. ITEM FORWARDED TO THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS INFORMATIONAL**

- EP.20.182 Information Regarding CR/NC Requests Received

**V. ITEM APPROVED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

- EP.20.35 iSchool Second Level Approval of New Courses 11/18/2019

**VI. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD TO 2020-2021**

- EP.20.12 Review *Bylaws* Part D.8 - Educational Policy Committee and *Standing Rule* 13 - Formation, Termination, Separation, Transfer, Merger, Change in Status, or Renaming of Units
- EP.20.43 Establishing Minimum Hours for Joint Bachelor's and Master's Degree

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