

Reorganization update: July 21 2018

On July 10, the Faculty Senate passed [resolutions](#) in favor of six of the schools proposed by Chancellor Montemagno.

- Applied Engineering and Technology
- Biological Sciences
- Computing
- Earth Systems and Sustainability
- Health Sciences
- Psychological and Behavioral Sciences

Discussion in the Faculty Senate focused on the first two schools slated to be approved. Faculty in the College of Engineering (outside of the current Department of Technology) strongly object to the use of the term “applied engineering.” And faculty assigned to the new school of Biological Sciences object to the College of Science being disbanded before their future collegiate home is established. In both cases the resolutions notes the concern, but expresses trust that the administration will work with faculty to resolve those problems. We hope that trust is warranted.

Four others have been sent back by the FS special committee on reorganization to the provost for modification.

- Analytics, Finance and Economics
- Education
- Human Sciences
- Management and Marketing

In some cases, there are obvious “fixes” that would resolve the major faculty concerns with these schools, mainly in the form of allowing faculty to determine where their programs best belong. But the administration has thus far resisted those fixes, and in other cases there is no obvious quick fix.

Two other schools have been voted on by departmental faculty and are thus ready for review by the Faculty Senate:

- Agricultural Sciences (rejected by departmental faculty)
- Justice and Public Safety (approved by departmental faculty)

Finally, eight other proposed schools, all of which would be assigned to the proposed College of Science, Technology, Transportation, Engineering, and Math or the College of Social Sciences, Humanities, Media, and Arts, have not yet been submitted to votes by departmental faculty:

- Engineering
- Physical Sciences
- Transportation

Architecture, Art and Design
Humanities
Media, Communications, and Performing Arts
Social Sciences and Multicultural Studies

These proposed schools include rather more than half of the faculty on campus. And while the FS has started its review of schools, the Graduate Council will apparently not do so until the outset of the fall semester. The administration has said that they intentionally withheld these schools from consideration in order to work with faculty on alternatives. Those alternatives include a School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences (which would come out of the proposed School of Physical Science) and proposals for a College of Social Science and Humanities (CoSSH) and the College of Communications, Design, and Arts (CoCDA).

More information on school plans and faculty votes can be found [on our website](#). Here is a quick scorecard of the 19 new schools the chancellor has proposed (Accountancy, already a school, would remain one)

- Four have been **approved** by the FS *without significant concerns* being noted.
 - Computing
 - Earth Systems and Sustainability
 - Health Sciences
 - Psychological and Behavioral Sciences
- Two have been **approved** by the FS *with significant concerns* noted.
 - Applied Engineering and Technology
 - Biological Sciences
- Four have received the equivalent of **revise and resubmit**.
 - Analytics, Finance and Economics
 - Education
 - Human Sciences
 - Management and Marketing
- Two have been voted on by department faculty, but not yet by the FS.
 - Agricultural Sciences (rejected by departmental faculty)
 - Justice and Public Safety (approved by departmental faculty)
- Seven have yet to be voted on by department faculty, mainly due to faculty opposition. These include more than half of SIUC's TT faculty.
 - Engineering
 - Physical Sciences
 - Transportation
 - Architecture, Art and Design
 - Humanities
 - Media, Communications, and Performing Arts
 - Social Sciences and Multicultural Studies

The Graduate Council has yet to approve any of the proposed schools. The least that can be said is that a great deal of work remains to be done on reorganization.