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TO: Academic Affairs Committee, Academic Senate

FROM: Denise Wilson, Chair, Graduate Curriculum Committee
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RE: Executive Summary - Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in School Librarianship

The new Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in School Librarianship provides 24 hours of course work that prepares teachers to work in school libraries. The program is available to certified teachers and to graduate students working on their initial certification. It is designed to help students receive endorsement as Library Information Specialist and to pass the Illinois content area examination. The course of study requires satisfactory completion of the following courses: C&I 401, 440, 442, 444, 445, 449 or 454, and six more elective credit hours in library science-related courses. All courses are already in the curriculum, and some of these courses may apply as electives to a degree program. The annual cost of this new certificate, which is expected to enroll 15-20 new students per year, is \$19,000, to be shared between Milner Library and the College of Education.