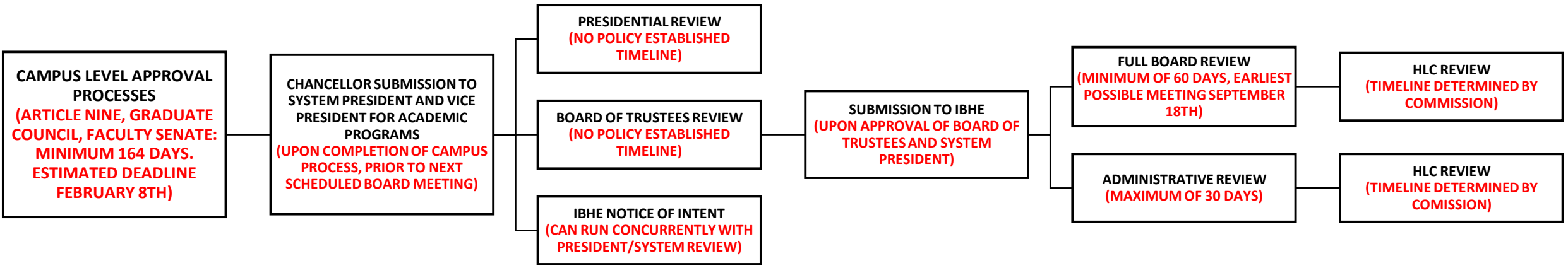


# GPSC OVERVIEW OF DEGREE PROGRAM AND DEPARTMENT MERGER PROCESSES

Note: this timeline represents all information obtained by GPSC as of **1/18/2018**. Actual dates are subject to campus level processes, IBHE processes, and Board approval processes.

## ESTIMATED TIMELINE OF DEGREE PROGRAM CHANGE AND DEPARTMENT MERGERS - ALL LEVELS



**NEW UNITS OF INSTRUCTION (NUI)** ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL UNDER IBHE SECTION 1050.40, AND ARE SUBJECT TO **FULL IBHE APPROVAL**

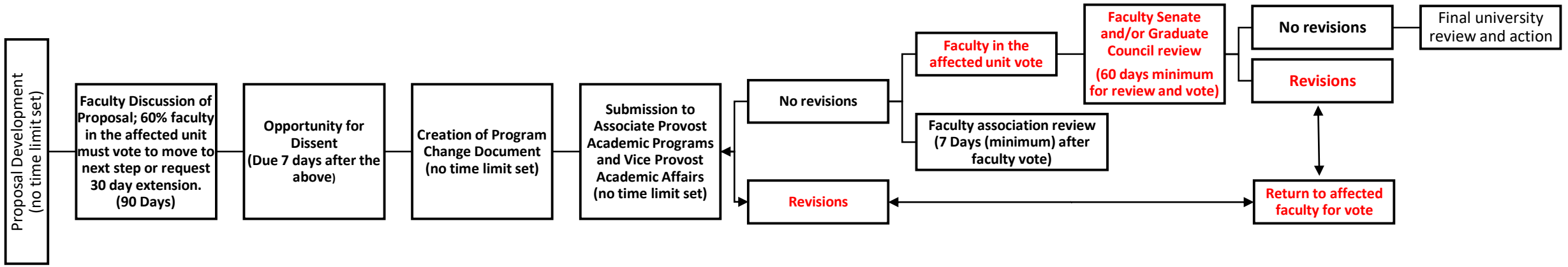
**REASONABLE OR MODERATE EXTENSIONS OF PROGRAMS (RME)** ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL UNDER IBHE SECTION 1050.40, AND ARE SUBJECT TO **IBHE ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL**

ARTICLE II, SECTION I OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATUTES GRANTS BOARD AUTHORITY OVER “MAJOR ALTERATIONS OF INTERNAL ORGANIZATION, **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**, CAPITAL FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL POLICIES,” IT DOES NOT ESTABLISH A TIMELINE.

ARTICLE II SECTION I OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATUTES GRANTS THAT THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT “MAJOR ALTERATIONS OF **INTERNAL ORGANIZATION, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**, CAPITAL FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL AND OTHER POLICIES,” IT DOES NOT ESTABLISH A TIMELINE.

ARTICLE III, SECTION I, POLICY B GRANTS PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY “**TO APPROVE THE CHANGES IN TITLES OF PROGRAMS, UNITS AND DEGREES; THE ADDITION OF ELIMINATION OF SPECIALIZATIONS. OPTIONS, OR CONCENTRATIONS WITHIN EXISTING ACADEMIC MAJORS; ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATIONS WHICH DO NOT EFFECTIVELY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF UNITS OF INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH, OR PUBLIC SERVICE,**” IT DOES NOT ESTABLISH A TIMELINE.

**ESTIMATED TIMELINE OF DEGREE PROGRAM CHANGES AND DEPARTMENT MERGERS – CAMPUS LEVEL**



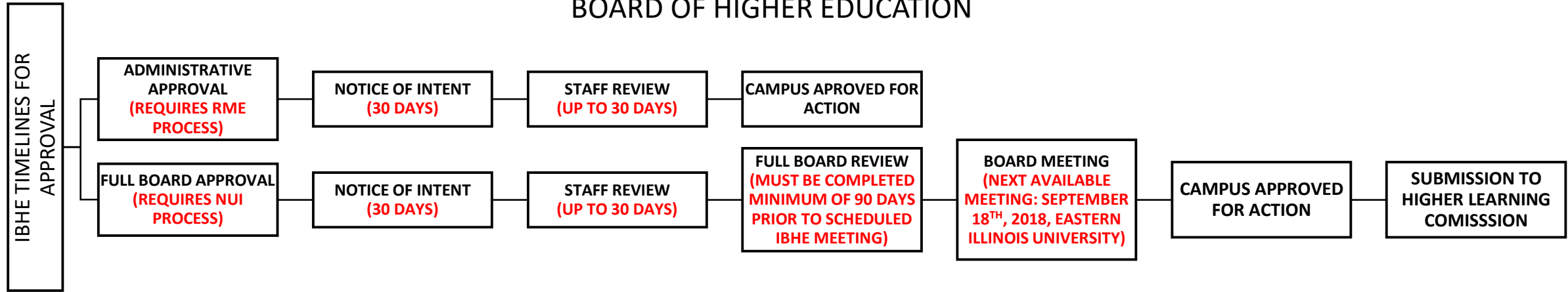
**THE 90 DAY TIME LIMIT SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE NINE EXPIRES FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.**

**PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO FACULTY SENATE (UNDERGRADUATE) AND GRADUATE COUNCIL (GRADUATE) CANNOT BE VOTED ON AT THE SAME MEETING WHERE THEY WERE INTRODUCED UNLESS BY MAJORITY DECISION OF THE BODY AS PER RESPECTIVE BY LAWS**

**FACULTY SENATE AND GRADUATE COUNCIL REVIEW REQUIRES 60 DAYS MINIMUM FOR REVIEW AND VOTING**

**THE ENTIRE TIMELINE REQUIRES 164 DAYS MINIMUM FROM FACULTY DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO FINAL UNIVERSITY REVIEW AND ACTION.**

**ESTIMATED TIMELINE OF DEGREE PROGRAM CHANGE AND DEPARTMENTAL MERGER – ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**



**NO PROPOSED CAMPUS ACTION CAN BE INITIATED, ADVERTISED, POSTED, OR DISSIMINATED TO EXTERNAL AUDIENCES UNTIL THE IBHE HAS TAKEN FINAL ACTION ON PROPOSALS. "EXTERNAL AUDIENCES" DOES NOT INCLUDE CAMPUS CONSTITUENCY GROUPS.**

**IBHE ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- CREATION OF A NEW PROGRAM FROM REORGANIZATION/RESTRUCTURING OF NEW EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT HAVE EVOLVED OVER TIME INTO SEPARATE/DISTINCT PROGRAMS
- CHANGE IN THE CIP OF A PROGRAM DUE TO INCREMENTAL CHANGE OR CONSOLIDATION
- CHANGE IN A DEGREE DESIGNATION AT THE SAME LEVEL (B.A. TO B.F.A.)
- CREATION OF AN OUT-OF-REGION DEGREE PROGRAM

**IBHE FULL BOARD APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- CREATION OF A NEW DEGREE IN A NEW FIELD OR A NEW LEVEL
- CREATION OF A NEW UNIT OF INSTRUCTION THAT CHANGES THE MISSION
- CREATION OF A NEW CAMPUS

## STUDENT CONSTITUENCY INVOLVEMENT

### UNDERGRADUATE

- Undergraduate Student Government is granted representation on the **Faculty Senate Undergraduate Education Policy Committee** and may **only vote on matters before that committee**. It is assumed that an undergraduate may be able to vote on those proposals that move through this committee.

### GRADUATE

- The Graduate and Professional Student Council is granted voting representation on the **Graduate Council** and may vote on all matters, including program proposals, that come before the body.

### DEPARTMENTAL/COLLEGE

- Student representatives may participate in discussions concerning program changes, **if and only if, said participation is secured by departmental operating papers**. Individual departments may vary. Student representatives to College councils (e.x. COLA council) may vote **if and only if College operating papers grant them that right**.

**STUDENT CONSTITUENCY GROUPS, PER BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICIES 3.F.3, MAY SUBMIT POSITIONS ON PROPOSED MERGERS, ELIMINATIONS, OR OTHER SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE OR INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES UNDER THEIR POLICY GIVEN AUTHORITY.**