I. Call to Order

II. Strategic Planning Task Force (please review included documents)

III. Approval of Minutes - Meeting of Wednesday, September 27, 2023

IV. Administrative report

  a. Admission Report

IV. Committee reports

  a. Research

    a. Fisher Thesis Reviews due Oct 26 (tomorrow)

  b. Membership/Student Development

    a. Graduate Faculty Status report

    b. Student scholarship reviews complete

  c. Curriculum
    a. Committee Report

V. Old business

  a. Transfer credit course currency updated language (removes mention of 6-year

    limit

Upon recommendation of the department or school where the student is enrolled and with the approval of the Graduate School, a student may present a maximum of twelve semester hours of graduate credit from another college or university that is accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association for use in meeting the requirements of the degree. ~~Credits more than six years old at the time of first registration into a degree program are not transferable from other institutions.~~ The work must not be part of a degree program, unless stated elsewhere in the catalog. Under special circumstances, the Graduate School may allow a student to present a larger number of credits if recommended by the department or school. A student who plans to take work elsewhere should obtain prior approval indicating that the course or courses are appropriate to the student's curriculum at Illinois State University. Correspondence courses, thesis/dissertation hours, research hours, and independent studies are not accepted toward a degree.

To be considered for transfer of credit, a course must be taught at the graduate level and the student must have received at least a B grade in the course. In addition, a departmental or school evaluation of all courses

presented is necessary prior to consideration by the Graduate School for currency of material. The Request for Transfer of Credit form is at: Grad.IllinoisState.edu/students/forms.

VI. New Business

a. Ethical Use of AI for thesis/dissertation work

The use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) can support innovative and creative scholarship when used within appropriate guidelines. It is vital that students uphold the core principles of academic and research integrity. As such, transparency around the usage of AI generated content is required between the student and their committee, as well as the student and the audience of their completed thesis/dissertation.

All use of generative AI tools in the thesis/dissertation process must be disclosed and approved by the student's committee. Unauthorized use of AI tools may be considered a violation of the Academic Integrity portion of the Student Code of Conduct, and/or the Responsible Conduct of Research policy. Usage of AI generated content must be appropriate cited following the guidelines of the style manual used by your discipline.

While these guidelines serve as the Graduate School's position on the use of generative AI in the thesis/dissertation process, individual departments may have additional policies, guidance, or restrictions. It is the student's responsibility to understand and follow these standards and contact their department or the Graduate School with any questions or concerns. As generative AI tools are relatively new and evolving, additional or more detailed guidance may be issued in the future.