

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 2:00 p.m. STV 401

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 by Noelle Selkow, Director of Graduate Studies.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Gary Hunter, May Jadallah, Myoung Jin Kim, Rick Nagorski, John Tovar
Curriculum Committee: Jennifer Barnes, Becky Beucher, Lily Thompson, Jeffrey Wagman
Research Committee: Tom Hammond, Hyoil Han, Shawn Hitchcock, Anne McNamara
Graduate Students: Kierra Peterson, Henrique Villela

MEMBERS ABSENT

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Sundeep Inti
Curriculum Committee: Kim Astroth, Meredith Downes
Research Committee:

Also present: Rachel Caracci, Dana Davidson, Mindy Kinney, and Kim Shennett
from the Graduate School

Approval of Minutes

Rick Nagorski moved to approve minutes of September 28, 2022. May Jadallah seconded. All approved with 1 abstention.

Administrative report

- a. Noelle thanked members for their service. Graduate Council meetings are now open to the public.
- b. Graduate Applications and Admissions
 - i. We are a month behind receiving applications due to the delayed start of the new application systems GradCAS and BusinessCAS.
 - ii. Deferrals most recent admits – most are international.
 - iii. May Jadallah concerned with housing issues for international students. Noelle stated there are discussions happening, but we have not been invited. She is looking into it. There is also a lack of communication from international students to let us know they are coming. Rick Nagorski commented when he was a Graduate Coordinator, he would ask current international students to contact incoming students regarding housing to try to ease housing burden.

Committee Reports

- a. Membership/Student Development
 - i. Lela Winegarner scholarship recipients have been selected. Each will receive \$1000:
 - Gracious Donkor: BSC
 - Ritika Shah: BSC
 - Oghenevwede Efobo: GEO

- Mohammad Akbar Hosain: ENG
 - Jenefas Okonma: MFA
 - Sadia Sultana: BSC
- ii. Review of graduate faculty nominations is underway.
- b. Curriculum
- i. Jeff Wagman, chair, submitted the October report. Rick Nagorski moved to approve. Shawn Hitchcock seconded. Motion passed with 1 abstention.
- c. Research
- i. Shawn Hitchcock, chair, reported committee finished review of Fisher Thesis Competition applications. Noelle noted all recipients have been notified. The award ceremony will be on April 13, 2023.
- ii. They are working on distinguished professor and other awards.

Old Business

- a. Strategic Plan
- i. Noelle working on it.
- b. Add Duolingo and AE/Pathway to proficiency options for awarding MA.
- i. Under option 3: Add:
- Minimum Duolingo score of 105
 - 2. AE program and pathway students complete Academic English courses

Noelle outlined the changes to the existing policy. Council agreed it makes sense to add. Gary Hunter moved to approve; May Jadallah seconded. All approved. The policy will be updated in 23-24 Graduate Catalog to include this language.

Updated Catalog Copy:

Master of Arts Degree Requirements

Approved 12/3/98, edited 3/29/05, 3/22/16, 10/26/22

The Master of Arts degree is awarded to a student who has completed an appropriate degree program and met the foreign language requirement for this degree at the college level. This requirement may be met by:

1. Completing a minimum of four semesters (or its equivalent, ISU's LAN 116) in one foreign language. The requirement may be met by earning a grade of C or better (or Credit or Pass) in the courses at either the graduate or undergraduate level.
2. Obtaining a satisfactory score on a university administered language examination approved by the Graduate School available in French, German, or Spanish at the University College Office. [View additional MAPE information.](#)
3. Students whose native language is not English may, with departmental or school approval, petition the Graduate School to substitute proficiency in the English language as fulfillment of the language requirement. Proficiency is met by achieving the university minimum total score on TOEFL or IELTS, or Duolingo exams. [Academic English Program/Pathway students who have completed Illinois State Academic English Level 5 will also qualify.](#)
4. Students wishing to use American Sign Language as the language requirement may do so if they have completed 4 semesters of ASL for credit at an accredited college or university (no

adult education courses). Proficiency may also be tested but requires the use of an outside consultant. A fee will be assessed if a proficiency test is needed.

5. Other methods as determined by the department or school with approval by the Graduate School.

New Business

- a. Writing Fellows - Thoughts on how to expand program
 - i. Currently paid master's level students learn English as a second language as part of the training. Meet with students one-on-one to offer writing assistance. Difficulty getting students interested. Needed are interested experienced faculty. Visor Center is a partner. May need to ask for assistance from Integrated Professional Development unit.
 - ii. Three categories of need.
 - a. International
 - b. Humanities and Social Sciences
 - c. Hard sciences
 - iii. How to make resumé certifiable program.
 - iv. Should it be a post-doc position
 - v. Find dedicated space
 - vi. Make grant application possible

Adjournment

- a. Rick Nagorski moved to adjourn the meeting. Shawn Hitchcock seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:37.

GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to the Graduate Council October 26, 2022. For complete curriculum proposal information please see the University's Curriculum Proposal site:

registrar.ilstu.edu/curriculumforms/

FOR INFORMATION

New Courses

ART 419 Topics in Advanced Photography

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2926>

ART 435 Advanced Photography

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2927>

LAL 468 Chicana and Latina/x Feminisms

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2922>

SOC 468 Chicana and Latina/x Feminisms

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2865>

WGS 468 Chicana and Latina/x Feminisms

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2867>

Course Revision

CJS 440 Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1295>

Editorial Revision to Course

COM 436 Advanced Message Design

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=2519>

Program Revisions

Sequence:

ART

M.S. Art - Teacher Education Sequence

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=295>

ACC

Certificate Programs:

Data Scientist: Business Information Systems in Accounting Graduate Certificate

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=300>

Editorial Revision to Program

ACC

Certificate Program:

IS Audit and Control Specialist Graduate Certificate

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3546>