

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 2:15 p.m. STV 401a**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m. by Noelle Selkow, Director of Graduate Studies.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Sundeep Inti, Myoung Jin Kim, Rick Nagorski,  
Curriculum Committee: Becky Beucher, Mary Dyck, Eric Peterson, Lily Thompson  
Research Committee: Tom Hammond, Shawn Hitchcock, Anne McNamara  
Graduate Student: Yasmin Carrillo

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Gary Hunter, John Tovar  
Curriculum Committee: Jennifer Barnes, Stella Liao,  
Research Committee: Hyoil Han  
Graduate Student: Taylor Flinn

Also present:

Craig McLauchlan, Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies; Emma Kopko, Graduate School Assistant Director of Marketing and Recruitment; Mindy Kinney, Assistant Director of Graduate School; Dana Davidson and Kim Shennett, Graduate School

**Approval of Minutes**

Rick Nagorski moved to approve minutes of November 29, 2023. Eric Peterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative report**

- a. Graduate Applications and Admissions
  - i. Fall 2024 applications increased, summer 2024 decreased.
  - ii. Admissions are down for both summer and fall.
  - iii. Graduate admissions numbers have been decreasing by 100 students last two years. Working with programs for this not to happen in fall 2024.

**Committee Reports**

- a. Membership/Student Development
  - i. Graduate faculty status nominations closed on February 15. Committee reviews will be due on March 8, 2024.
  - ii. Scholarship applications due March 15, 2024.
- b. Curriculum
  - i. Rick Nagorski moved to approve curriculum report. Eric Peterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Research
  - i. Clarence Sorensen Dissertation Award winner is Logan Sauers, Biological Sciences.
  - ii. Award ceremony is in April for research awards.

### **Old Business**

- a. Statement on Ethical Use of AI for thesis/dissertation work, capstones, and comprehensive exams.
  - i. It is linked on Graduate School website in thesis/dissertation area and on Research and Sponsored Programs website.

### **New Business**

- a. Enrollment deposit for graduate and international applicants.
  - i. Will start in fall 2024 for domestic applications and spring of 2024 for international applications.
  - ii. \$150 deposit. \$25 of deposit will come to Graduate School.
  - iii. This will indicate which programs students are interested in pursuing.
  - iv. Encourage students to register for classes in a timely manner.
  - v. One time deposit. It will stay with them throughout their graduate studies.
- b. Tuition Waiver to Scholarship Transition
  - i. There will be a transition away from graduate tuition waivers to scholarships.
  - ii. Primary purpose is recruitment.
  - iii. An Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion scholarship will also be established.

### **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

## **GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

Submitted to the Graduate Council February 21, 2024. This report only covers program proposal information. For complete curriculum proposal information, including graduate course approvals, please see the University's Curriculum Proposal site: [registrar.ilstu.edu/curriculumforms/](https://registrar.ilstu.edu/curriculumforms/)

### **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **2024-2025 Catalog**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **NEW PROGRAM**

*Sequence:*

#### **EAF**

#### **Ed.D. in P-12 Educational Administration (CPED)**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=212>

## **REVISED PROGRAMS**

*Degrees:*

### **ACC**

#### **Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=407>

#### **Master of Professional Accountancy (MPA)**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=407>

### **ECO**

#### **MA/MS in Applied Economics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=381>

### **LAN**

#### **M.A. Spanish**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=412>

### **MKT**

#### **Master of Science in Marketing Analytics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=380>

### **SED**

#### **Master of Science in Special Education**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=428>

*Sequences:*

### **BSC**

#### **Master's in Biological Sciences: Biotechnology Sequence**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=397>

#### **Master's in Biological Sciences: Neuroscience and Physiology Sequence**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=401>

#### **Ph.D. in Biological Sciences – Molecular Biology Sequence**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=398>

#### **Ph.D. in Biological Sciences - Neuroscience and Physiology Sequence**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=402>

**EAF**

**Higher Education Administration Sequence (Ph.D.)**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=41>

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**FCS**

**Interior Design Sequence**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=42>

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**POS**

**Public Service Sequence**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=38>

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*Certificates:*

**ACC**

**Forensic Accountant Graduate Certificate**

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**BSC**

**Biology Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Certificate**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=39>

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**WGS**

**Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=37>

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**2025-2026 Catalog**

**REVISED PROGRAMS**

**EAF**

**Ph.D. in Leadership, Equity, and Inquiry**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=43>

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