

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 2:00 p.m. STV 401**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Noelle Selkow, Director of Graduate Studies.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Sundeep Inti, Rick Nagorski

Curriculum Committee: Jennifer Barnes, Becky Beucher, Mary Dyck, Eric Peterson, Stella Liao, Lily Thompson

Research Committee: Tom Hammond, Hyoil Han, Anne McNamara

Graduate Student: Yasmin Carrillo

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Gary Hunter, Myoung Jin Kim, John Tovar

Curriculum Committee:

Research Committee: Shawn Hitchcock

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; and Kim Shennett, Graduate School

**Approval of Minutes**

Rick Nagorski moved to approve minutes of February 21, 2024. Eric Peterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative report**

- a. Graduate Applications and Admissions
  - i. Admissions numbers are on the way up. There are several new programs and current programs are admitting additional students.
  - ii. Due to new enrollment deposits, weekly reports are being provided to Interim Vice President for Finance office.

**Committee Reports**

- a. Membership/Student Development
  - i. On a motion by Mary Dyck, seconded by Lily Thompson, the spring graduate faculty report was approved.
  - ii. Spring scholarship applications are with the committee to review.
- b. Curriculum
  - i. Rick Nagorski moved to approve curriculum report. Tom Hammond seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Research
  - i. University Research Symposium is April 12.
  - ii. Research recognition award ceremony is April 18.

### **Old Business**

- i. None

### **New Business**

- a. Final Deposit of Thesis/Dissertation
  - i. Moving from ProQuest to ISU ReD as the permanent repository.
  - ii. Reason for switch: ProQuest changed how we do business with them.
  - iii. The tool used to move documents, Kualii, needs to be built. Will not be ready for fall 2024. Use Canvas site temporarily to collect documents.

### Discussions

- b. Should Guidelines be Established to Remove Graduate Faculty Status?
  - i. It will make additional work for committee.
  - ii. No one thought benchmarks faculty need to meet at given points throughout their career was a good idea.
  - iii. Do we remove a degree if a person does not use it.
  - iv. Consensus: Not a good idea.
- c. Should Graduate School Check for Plagiarism/Violation of Copyright?
  - i. Noelle commented, this subject was discussed at MRGAF. Statistic they provided, 1 out of 4 submitted documents with violations.
  - ii. Other institutions have added the responsibility of checking for plagiarism to the graduate school.
  - iii. Other institutions have also added a neutral party to committees to help move students through the process and follow graduate school guidelines.
  - iv. Noelle believes responsibility falls on committee.
  - v. Tools are not high tech enough to accurately catch violations.

### **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

## **GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

Submitted to the Graduate Council March 27, 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**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2024-2025 Catalog**

#### **REVISED PROGRAMS**

*Degrees:*

#### **M.S. Ed. In Reading**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=436>

#### **MBA**

#### **Master of Science in Business Education**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=435>