

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 2:00 p.m. STV 401

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Gavin Weiser, Interim Director of Graduate Studies.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Duleep Delpetchit, Denise Hammer

Curriculum Committee: Jennifer Barnes, Mary Dyck, Stella Liao, Beth MacDonald, Eric Peterson, Lily Thompson

Research Committee: Kevin Meyer

Equity, Diversity and

Inclusion Committee: Greg Braswell, Claire Lieberman, Miranda Lin

Graduate Students: Ishmael Neequaye, Alexis Quick

MEMBERS ABSENT

Membership/Student

Development Committee: John Tovar, Anna Smith, Jamie Mahurin Smith, Qi Zhang

Curriculum Committee: Eric Peterson, Beth MacDonald

Research Committee: Shawn Hitchcock, Chang Su-Russell

Equity, Diversity and

Inclusion Committee: Mona Bahl, Jessica Sullivan, H. Sally Xie

Graduate Student: Alina Niftulaeva

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

Eric Peterson moved to approve minutes of September 25, 2024. Beth MacDonald seconded. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

Administrative report

- a. Graduate Admissions
 - i. Great spring 2025 application numbers – up 13%
- b. Retention Data
 - i. Many caveats in determining graduate retention data.
 - ii. “Graduated” figures from the chart on the agenda refer to accelerated master’s programs.
 - iii. Figures are imperfect due to divergence and length of time to complete degree.
 - iv. Gavin discussed with deans at Council of Graduate Schools meeting. They agreed it is a difficult undertaking due to caveats.
 - v. When students take time away from classes, system no longer considers them active in program.
 - vi. Finding accurate numbers hampered by available ISU software.
 - vii. Will continue to work on it to hopefully provide more accurate figures.

- c. Call for Sorensen Submissions Disseminated
 - i. Gavin contacted unit heads and graduate coordinators. Submissions due on November 15th.
- d. Graduate Coordinator & Slate Trainings
 - i. Graduate School hosted two graduate coordinator trainings, one in September and one in October. There was an 85% show rate.
 - ii. Emma Kopko doing a great job with Slate trainings.
 - iii. Gavin plans to provide additional trainings in the spring for coordinators and graduate faculty on theses/dissertation processes.
 - iv. Additional workshops are being planned for faculty and students for the spring. Tentative schedule will be available on Graduate School website by the end of this semester.

Committee Reports

- a. Membership/Student Development
 - i. Lela Winegarner scholarship applications reviewed, will be awarded on October 25th.
 - ii. Fall full graduate faculty nominations were reviewed and report was submitted. Beth MacDonald moved to approve; Eric Peterson seconded. All approved.
- b. Curriculum
 - i. Lily Thompson, committee chair, summarized October graduate curriculum committee report and Council accepted it.
- c. Research
 - i. Shawn Hitchcock is chair of committee.
 - ii. Committee reviewed Ora Bretall scholarship applications. Awards will be announced on October 25th.
 - iii. Fisher Thesis applications are being reviewed. The deadline to complete reviews is October 24th.
- d. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
 - i. Committee reviewed EDI Tuition Scholarship applications. Awards will be announced on October 25th.

Old Business

- a. None

New Business

- a. None

Adjournment

- a. Eric Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting; Stella Liao seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to the Graduate Council September 25, 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/

FOR INFORMATION

REVISE PROGRAMS

Degrees:

ENG

Ph.D. in English

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=464>

PSY

Ph.D. in School Psychology

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=419>

Sequence:

FCS

M.S. in Nutrition, Dietetic Internship Sequence

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=444>

DELETE PROGRAM

Degree:

ART

M.A. in Visual Culture

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

NEW PROGRAM

Sequence:

FCS

Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Education Sequence

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=230>