

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 2:00 p.m. STV 401

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Gavin Weiser, Interim Director of Graduate Studies.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Myoung Jin Kim, Anna Smith, Jamie Mahurin Smith,
John Tovar

Curriculum Committee: Eric Peterson, Lily Thompson

Research Committee: Shawn Hitchcock, Kevin Meyer

Equity, Diversity and

Inclusion Committee: Mona Bahl, Greg Braswell, Miranda Lin, Jessica Sullivan

Graduate Students: Ishmael Neequaye, Alexis Quick

MEMBERS ABSENT

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Duleep Delpchitre, Qi Zhang

Curriculum Committee: Jennifer Barnes, Mary Dyck, Beth MacDonald

Research Committee: Chang Su-Russell

Equity, Diversity and

Inclusion Committee: Claire Lieberman, H. Sally Xie

Graduate Student: Alina Niftulaeva

Also present: Craig McLauchlan, Associate Vice President for Research and
Graduate Studies; Mindy Kinney, Assistant Director of Graduate
School; and Kim Shennett, Graduate School

Approval of Minutes

Myoung Jin Kim moved to approve minutes of February 19, 2025. Eric Peterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative report

- a. Graduate Admissions
 - i. Fall applications are strong, up 6.6% with fall admits also up at 33.6% compared to this time last year.
 - ii. Good number of enrollment deposits for summer and fall semesters. EDF waivers not included.
- b. Professional Development Series (<https://prodev.illinoisstate.edu/events/#thesis>)
 - i. One more for this semester.
 1. Holistic Admissions – 4/16, 3 pm, STV 401.
 - ii. What additional topics should be covered next year?
- c. 3MT – Three Minute Thesis Competition 2/27/2025
 - i. Phenomenal research areas covered at event.
 - ii. Need ideas to increase graduate faculty support of students at event.
 - iii. Great turnout!
 - iv. 2025 Competition Winners:

- b. Kathleen Tierney—Agriculture, College of Applied Science and Technology (First place – will represent ISU at MAGS on April 4th)
- c. Sierra Mack-Erb—Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences (Second Place)
- d. Tuba Yasmin Lubna—Agriculture, College of Applied Science and Technology (People’s Choice Winner)
- e. Outstanding Student Teacher Award
 - i. Congratulations to Alexis Quick – School of Communication (News story) <https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2025/03/building-a-community-through-communication/>

Committee Reports

- a. Membership/Student Development
 - i. John Tovar, committee chair, stated committee reviewed 15 graduate faculty nominations and submitted their report for Council approval. Eric Peterson moved to approve the report, Shawn Hitchcock seconded; all approved.
 - ii. Committee is now reviewing ISU Foundation, Ada Belle Clarke Welsh, and Donald McHenry scholarship applications. Deadline to complete reviews, April 18th.
- b. Curriculum
 - i. Lily Thompson, committee chair, summarized March graduate curriculum committee report and Council accepted it.
- c. Research
 - i. Committee reviewing Ora Bretall scholarship applications. Reviews to be complete April 18th.
- d. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
 - i. No business

Old Business

- a. None

New Business

- a. Graduate School Bylaws Review and Feedback on Areas to Update
 - i. Leadership of Graduate School title changing throughout document.
 - ii. Changes to Article IV. Membership of the Graduate Faculty – Pg. 2.
 - a. Sect. 3, C, Membership criteria – Creative activity in candidate’s field – what does this mean for depts/schools with larger or smaller numbers of graduate faculty members. Be sure criteria provides equitable and equal access to full status for all.
 - b. Section 3, E, Need clarity on criteria for programs without theses and dissertations. What additional duties qualify for full status.
 - c. Section. 3, C and D, Review the criteria required. It is difficult to gauge faculty qualifications based on the current criteria.
 - iii. Membership and Student Development Committee Pg. 5, Sect. 3, B, # 7, - No need for standing meeting to be listed.

- iv. Research Committee – Pg. 5, sect. 4, B, - Duties - revise list of scholarships this committee and Membership and Student Development Committee review.
- v. Selection of Standing Committee Members - On pg. 7, Sect. 7, H, - One year gap before re-nomination needs to be removed.
- vi. Need to incorporate College of Engineering
- vii. Further discussion at April meeting.

Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to the Graduate Council March 26, 2025. This report only covers program proposal approval 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

2025-2026 Catalog

Degree

PSY

Clinical-Counseling Psychology

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=492>

Sequence:

FCS

Master of Science or Master of Arts; Interior Design Sequence

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=489>

NEW PROGRAM

Sequence:

HSC

Master of Public Health; Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=210>

NEW PROGRAMS

2026-2027 Catalog

Certificates:

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Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Latino Studies

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=244>

Graduate Certificate Museum Studies

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=241>