

**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: 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 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Fisher Thesis applications are being reviewed. The deadline to complete reviews is October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
  - i. Committee reviewed EDI Tuition Scholarship applications. Awards will be announced on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 October 23, 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**

**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>