

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

### Zoom Meeting

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes - Meeting of November 11, 2020
- III. Administrative report

- a. Admissions data as of 1/18/2021

- IV. Committee reports

- a. Research
  - b. Membership/Student Development
  - c. Curriculum
    - i. Committee Report

- V. Old business (breakout rooms)

- Ready to vote:**

- a. Update Good standing to reflect program GPA**

- Good Standing:** A student must remain in good standing during the entire enrollment in graduate studies at the University. Good standing includes maintaining a minimum 3.0 graduate **program** GPA, satisfying any program- specific requirements for good standing, and making satisfactory progress to degree. Students who fail to meet this requirement will either be dismissed from graduate studies or placed on academic probation by the **graduate program**.

- b. Full-Time Equivalency 499/599**

- If a student has completed the maximum requirement of thesis/dissertation hours for the program, but more time is needed, a student may register for 1 credit of thesis or dissertation, if engaged, at a level equivalent to full-time study. You may enroll up to eight (8) semesters of 1 credit thesis/dissertation at full-time equivalency until the time limitation of your program ends, 6 years for MA/MS and 8 years for MFA/PhD/EdD. If longer time is needed, a student may continue to enroll in 1 hour of thesis/dissertation, but will be reported as part-time status, which has financial aid implications, such as loan repayment.

### c. New Start

Students who leave an Illinois State graduate degree program and return to Illinois State **may begin the same or new** degree program with a new graduate GPA calculated from the point of their readmission to the Graduate School as long as (1) the student is admissible to the new graduate program at Illinois State and meets all the criteria established by the Graduate School; (2) the student has not enrolled at Illinois State University for a period of at least three years; and (3) the New Start provision is approved by the department or school at the time of readmission.

**Graduate courses taken prior to being readmitted. Students may transfer up to 9 credit hours from another university or previous ISU coursework if they meet the requirements outlined on the Transfer of Credit form.** Students may exercise the “New Start” option only once and must follow the re-entry catalog. Such students will have “New Start” indicated on their transcript.

### d. Discussion:

#### **Undergraduate taking Graduate Coursework**

Undergraduates can take graduate courses for graduate credit if they (1) are in **their junior or senior year**, and (2) **have a cumulative GPA of a 2.8 or higher**. Total registration cannot exceed fifteen hours in that semester. **Graduate course work will not be calculated in the undergraduate GPA. The transcript will indicate the grade received, the number of credit hours the course was worth, but 0 hours are earned. This is due to only earned hours are calculated in the GPA. This is common transcript language used by Registrar/Bursar offices. There is no guarantee that graduate courses taken will be accepted by another University as transfer credit.**

All coursework taken for graduate credit must be approved by the department or school and the Graduate School **BEFORE** the student registers. A form titled, **“Undergraduate taking Graduate Credit”** is available electronically in **My.IllinoisState** to be completed for approval.

**Up to 12 hours of coursework will count toward an ISU graduate degree program only and has a limit of 6 years to be used.** Coursework taken for graduate credit cannot count toward a bachelor's degree except under the provisions of integrated bachelor's/master's degree and accelerated master's degree programs. This opportunity is also extended to students at other universities who find it possible to take graduate work at this University while completing requirements for the bachelor's degree on their own campuses. Interested students should write to the Graduate School for further information. Such graduate courses cannot be used in meeting bachelor's degree requirements on their own campuses.

## VI. New business

### A. Call for nominations (3-year terms) (Kim Shennett)

#### **Membership/Student Development Committee**

Two seats – one seat open for a full graduate faculty member from the College of Applied Science and Technology and one from the College of Education.

#### **Curriculum Committee**

Two seats – one seat open for a full graduate faculty member from Mennonite College of Nursing and one from the College of Education.

#### **Research/Creative Activity Committee**

Two at-large seats open for a full graduate faculty member from any school/department, except, the School of Kinesiology and Recreation and Mennonite College of Nursing. Both programs already have seated members.

## VII. Adjournment