GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 2:00 p.m., STV 401 and Zoom

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 2:01 by Noelle Selkow, Interim Director of Graduate Studies.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Membership/Student
Development Committee: May Jadallah, Myoung Jin Kim, Phil Mulvey
Curriculum Committee: Kristin Carlson, Meredith Downes, Justin Stanek, Jeffrey Wagman
Research Committee: Tom Hammond, Emily Jones
Graduate Student: Dillon Horter

MEMBERS ABSENT
Membership/Student
Development Committee: Connie DeVeer, Gary Hunter, Georgia Tsouvala
Curriculum Committee: Kim Astroth, Becky Beucher
Research Committee: Hyoil Han, Cherrill Stockmann
Graduate Student: Ja Tavia Stoot

Also present: Craig McLauchlan, Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies; Sarah Dick, Milner Library, Dana Davidson; and Kim Shennett from the Graduate School

Approval of Minutes

Jeffrey Wagman moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021. Dillon Horter seconded. All approved.

Administrative report

   a. Admissions Data
       i.   Graduate applications are up from this time last year, 309 for Spring 2022; 72 for fall 2022.
       ii. Current admission numbers are up for spring 2022. Many already admitted could be due to fall 2021 deferrals.
       iii. New Computer Science degree program is attracting international student interest.

Committee Reports

   a. Membership/Student Development
       i.   Scholarship reviews completed 10/8. No applications received for Ora Bretall Scholarship. Winners from Lela Winegarner Scholarship receive $1000:
            Japheth Asiedu-Kwarteng (ART)
            Jonathan Chilaka (CHE)
            Faith Eyimegwu (CHE)
            Ayoola Fasawe (BSC)
            Ridita Mizan (ENG)
            Sayanti Mondal (ENG)
       ii. Graduate faculty nomination reviews are underway, due 10/27

b. Curriculum
   i. October curriculum report submitted. Dillon Horter moved to approve. Emily Jones seconded. All approved with one abstention.
   ii. May Jadallah voiced a concern, does Council need to approve the report? The members not sitting on this committee were not involved in the decision making of each proposal. Noelle will investigate and get back.

c. Research
   i. Currently reviewing submissions for the James L. Fisher Outstanding Thesis Competition - reviews due October 22.

Old Business

a. Selection of Committee Chairs
   i. May Jadallah – Membership/Student Development
      Kristen Carlson - Curriculum
      Emily Jones - Research

New Business

a. Make-up of Graduate Council Membership Discussion
   i. An Associate Dean applied for a seat on the Research Committee in the spring and won. Noelle asked the administrator to hold off accepting until Council had a chance to discuss the make-up of committees. No recollection of administrators occupying a seat on Council in the past and no information exists in the Bylaws. Members of the Council commenced discussion. Points from discussion follow:
      - Administrators should not be taking faculty spots when administrators are already making decisions.
      - Need to take into consideration additional units/centers on campus with same type of faculty configuration as Milner?
      - Faculty members work on a day-to-day basis with graduate students.
      - The faculty are a check on the administration's decisions.
      - Faculty need to be involved when it comes to changing policies that apply to graduate education.
      - Provost White Paper should be considered if changes are made to Bylaws.
   ii. Any approved changes made to Bylaws this year will not go into effect until next academic year.
b. Other Discussion
   - Graduate faculty status as it applies to NTT faculty. Should they be allowed to apply for graduate faculty status again?
   - When the graduate assistant union ratifies a contract, how will it play into the Provost White Paper recommendations?
   - How are assigned tasks from White Paper being implemented?
   - Graduate studies play into so many areas of the University.
   - Pandemic highlighted needs and recommendations for graduate students.

Adjournment

a. Tom Hammond moved to adjourn the meeting; Meredith Downes seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2.58.

GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to the Graduate Council October 12, 2021. For complete curriculum proposal information please see the University's Curriculum Proposal site: registrar.ilstu.edu/curriculumforms/

FOR INFORMATION

New Courses

COM 450 Master's Project
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2521

CTK 481 Selected Topics in Creative Technologies
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2577

ENG 425 Selected Figures in English Literature
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/curriculumforms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2558

ENG 461 Introduction to Descriptive Linguistics
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/curriculumforms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2557

ENG 421 Studies in Drama
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/curriculumforms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2138

Revised Course

ENG 341 Introduction to Descriptive Linguistics
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/curriculumforms/ReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1782

Editorial Revisions to Courses

CTK 450 Design and Aesthetic Issues in Arts Technology
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=2114

LAN 480 Topics in Foreign Language Instruction
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=2111

Editorial Revisions to Programs

Sequence:

MAT

Biomathematics Sequence
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=2043

Degree Program:

MBA

MBA Program (Front page editorial request)
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/curriculumforms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=2019

Revised Programs

Degree Program:

LAN

MA in Spanish
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=271

Sequence:

IT

Geographic Information Systems Sequence
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=218

New Programs

Sequences:

MBA

Panama MBA Sequence
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=160

Corporate MBA Sequence (CMBA)
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=161

Traditional MBA Sequence
https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=163