

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 2:00 p.m. STV 401**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Noelle Selkow, Director of Graduate Studies.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Gary Hunter, Sundeep Inti, Do-Yong Park, John Tovar

Curriculum Committee: Kim Astroth, Becky Beucher, Lily Thompson, Jeffrey Wagman

Research Committee: Tom Hammond, Hyoil Han, Shawn Hitchcock, Anne McNamara

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Membership/Student

Development Committee: Myoung Jin Kim, Rick Nagorski

Curriculum Committee: Jennifer Barnes

Research Committee:

Graduate Student: Henrique Villela

Also present:

Craig McLauchlan, Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies; Rachel Caracci, Mindy Kinney, and Kim Shennett from the Graduate School

**University Strategic Plan Focus Group**

Three members from the University Strategic Plan committee came to gather information and feedback for the new strategic plan.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tom Hammond moved to approve minutes of November 30, 2022. Shawn Hitchcock seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

**Administrative report**

- a. Graduate Applications and Admissions
  - i. Numbers looking good. February and March have most application deadlines. Currently a 73% increase in applications.

**Committee Reports**

- a. Membership/Student Development
  - i. Seventeen spring graduate faculty nominations are being reviewed.
- b. Curriculum
  - i. February report brought to the floor for approval. Gary Hunter moved to approve. Tom Hammond seconded. Motion passed with 1 abstention.
- c. Research
  - i. 3MT is tomorrow at the Normal Theatre. First time back in person since 2020.
  - ii. University Research Symposium is April 14. Graduate School covering cost of poster printing to cut down on student's costs.

- iii. Craig McLauchlan provided an update on Advancing Research and Creative Scholarship funding opportunity for research teams on campus. Letters of intent are due March 31st. All submissions will be invited. Full applications are due in May.
- iv. Image of Research finalists' exhibition was February 2nd. Images are currently on display in Milner Library. Will be displayed during the University Research Symposium.

### **Old Business**

- a. Strategic Plan
  - i. Cover was created for the five-year plan. Plan posted to Graduate School website.
- b. Graduate School By-laws update
  - i. Noelle added sentence to criteria for full graduate faculty status. Actively served on master's theses and/or doctoral dissertations as a committee member or supervised non-thesis/dissertation culminating experiences/exit options of a graduate program in the last 3 years; or demonstrated ability to mentor students on culminating projects based on department/school standards.
  - ii. Rules committee of Academic Senate needs to approve Bylaws changes before they will be added to full Senate agenda.
    - a. Remaining spring Senate meetings are limited. Not sure if approval will happen this semester.
  - iii. Full members of the graduate faculty need to vote to approve after Senate approves.

### **New Business**

- a. Updates to Thesis/dissertation Guidelines
  - i. Current guidelines need to be updated.
  - ii. Draft of changes for Council review at April meeting.
  - iii. Creation of Alternative thesis guidelines will need Council assistance.

### **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

### **GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

Submitted to the Graduate Council February 22, 2023. For complete curriculum proposal information please see the University's Curriculum Proposal site: [registrar.ilstu.edu/curriculumforms/](https://registrar.ilstu.edu/curriculumforms/)

### **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **New Courses**

#### **CTK 461 Usability Research and User Experience**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2959>

#### **ENG 453 Technical Editing**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2916>

#### **GEO 418 Aquifer Systems**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2930>

**HSC 411 Public Health Policy**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2947>

**IT 440 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2960>

**IT 456 Introduction to Computer Graphics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2957>

**IT 482 Distributed Systems**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2958>

**IT 487 Parallel Processing**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2961>

**KNR 441 Environmental Sustainability in Sport and Recreation**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2987>

**MUS 456a04 Music and Societies: Race, Gender, and Identity in American Music**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2945>

**PHY 407 Seminar in Physics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3002>

**PHY 417 Mathematical Methods**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3052>

**PHY 420 Classical Mechanics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3053>

**PHY 425 Statistical Mechanics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3054>

**PHY 490 Research Development in Physics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3055>

**PHY 499 Independent Research in Physics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3056>

**POL 424 Topics in Public Law**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3057>

**POL 426 Constitutional Law: Due Process Rights**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3046>

**POL 428 Constitutional Law: Supreme Court Decisions In The 21st Century**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3051>

**POL 434 The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2951>

**POL 437 Gay & Lesbian Politics & Theory**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2953>

**POL 439 Youth Politics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2954>

**POL 440 Topics in Latin American Politics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=2952>

**POL 444 Topics In Global Studies**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3040>

**POL 445 Topics in Asian Politics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3058>

**POL 449 Topics in Middle East Politics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3045>

**WGS 492 Queer and Transgender Theory**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradNewCourseView.aspx?ID=3001>

**Deleted Courses**

**MUS 439a30 Ensemble: Piano**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradDeleteCourseView.aspx?ID=97>

**MUS 483 Chamber Wind Ensemble**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradDeleteCourseView.aspx?ID=98>

**Revisions to Courses**

**MUS 439a40 Ensemble: Chamber Music**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1306>

**SED 350 Introduction to Visual Impairments**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/ReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=2032>

**SED 351 Educational Planning for Students with Visual Impairments**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/ReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=2036>

**SED 352 Braille Reading and Writing**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/ReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=2035>

**SED 357 Orientation and Mobility for Classroom Teachers**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/ReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1917>

**SED 358 Reading and Assessment for Students with Visual Impairments**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/ReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1918>

**SED 363 Advanced Braille and The Nemeth Braille Code**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/ReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=2031>

**SED 365 Advanced Assist Technology for Individuals with Visual Impairment**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/ReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1921>

**SED 367 Low Vision & Psychological Implications of Visual Impairment**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/ReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=2033>

**SED 413 Visual Impairments: Etiology and Impact**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1287>

**SED 433 Unified English Braille Reading and Writing**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1309>

**SED 434 Skills in Daily Living including Orientation and Mobility**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1308>

**SED 435 Access Technology for Students with Visual Impairments**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1294>

**SED 436 Assessment of Students with Visual Impairments**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1292>

**SED 438 Nemeth Code and Advanced Braille Applications**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1307>

**SED 439 Embedding the Expanded Core Curriculum**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseCourseView.aspx?ID=1289>

**SWK 445 Practice Evaluation**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3523>

**SWK 448 Practice Evaluation II**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3524>

**SWK 491 Specialized Practicum Seminar I**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3522>

**SWK 492 Specialized Practicum Seminar II**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3525>

**Editorial Revisions to Courses**

**ENG 440 Studies in English Linguistics**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3628>

**ENG 441 The Linguistic Structure of English for Tesol**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3629>

**ENG 452 The Teaching of Technical Writing**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3644>

**ENG 465 Studies in African American Literature & Culture**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3642>

**Editorial Revisions to Programs**

*Concentration:*

**EAF**

**Ed.D CPED P-12 Concentration in Educational Administration**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3705>

*Degrees:*

**CSD**

**Communication Sciences and Disorders - Admissions Information**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3703>

**LAN**

**Languages, Literatures and Cultures**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/EditorialRequestView.aspx?ID=3674>

## Revisions to Programs

*Degrees:*

### **GEO**

***Master of Science in Geography, Geology, and the Environment***

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=299>

### **IT**

**Master of Science in Information Systems**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=333>

### **SED**

**Master of Science in Special Education**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=338>

*Sequences:*

### **IT**

**Geographic Info Systems**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=335>

**Internet Application**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=337>

***Network and Security Management***

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=334>

**System Development**

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=336>

### **MUS**

***Master of Music in Collaborative Piano***

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/GradReviseProgramView.aspx?ID=305>