GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

APPROVED

690th, Meeting

February 3, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Barnes, Becker, Chen, Cooke, Fickling, Finley, Fletcher, Floyd, Garver, Gericke, Kelly, Klis, McFarland, Notebaert, Ricklefs, Rohl, Scherer, Swingley, Sosin, A. Wu, K.Wu, Xia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Biokoro, Lundstrum, Sivakumar

OTHERS PRESENT: Doane, Gawron, Gravehoc, Laudick, Reyman, Matuszewich, Schatteman, Van Dijk

Called to Order

Acting Dean Reyman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

* A motion to approve the minutes from December 2nd, 2024, was made by Arado, seconded by Garver, approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

* Reyman provides a summary of the Appeals Committee report.
* Reyman provides a summary of the Graduate Faculty Membership report.
  + A working group has been established to revise the Graduate Faculty Membership Policy.
* Laudick provides a summary of the Criminal Disclosure Committee report.

New Business

* Standards proposed changes and report led by Acting Dean Reyman and Executive Director Laudick.
  + Reyman and Laudick summarized proposed graduate catalog changes.
    - A motion to approve standards agenda item A was made by Arado seconded by Fickling, approved unanimously.
* Curriculum Agenda led by Graduate Council Executive Committee Chair Garver
  + Garver summarized curriculum changes proposed by each college; all motions were passed.
  + Schatteman provides an overview of the designation process for Community Engaged Designated Courses.
    - A motion to approve, Klis, seconded by Fickling. Approved unanimously.
  + Reyman provides summarizes Certificate of Graduate Studies language changes.
    - A motion to approve by Arado, seconded by Garver. Approved unanimously

Old Business

* Curriculum coordinator Gawron provides an overview and summary of changes and revisions to the Curriculum Approval Process policies and procedures. Discussion followed.
  + A motion to approve these changes with the friendly amendment made by Fickling and seconded by Garver. Approved unanimously.

Announcements

* Reyman announces the Honorary Degree Call for Nominations, you can find the official announcement in the NIU Weekly Announcements.
* Reyman provides an update on Graduate Student Recruitment Tuition Waivers. Revisions to procedure and policy have begun and will come to effect in AY26-27.
* Laudick provides a spring 2025 graduate enrollment update.
* Laudick provides an overview of the graduate program website refresh project.

 Adjournment

* Adjourned at 11:08 am

Minutes

* Minutes respectfully submitted by: Kayla Doane, The Graduate School