**Academic Senate Rules Committee**

**Illinois State University**

**10/26/2022**

**Minutes**

**Roll Call:**

* Senator Craig Blum
* Senator Zoe Smith
* Senator Nate Rardin
* Senator Angela Bonnell
* Senator John McHale
* Senator Jayden Wilburn
* Senator Bahae Samhan
* ~~Senator Gabriel Gudding~~
* Senator Morgan Taylor
* Senator Benjamin Schmeiser
* Provost Designee Craig Gatto

**Absences:** 1

**Meeting called to order at 6:02**

Approval of 22/10/12 minutes

* Approved by
  + Senator Blum
  + Senator McHale
  + Senator Smith
  + Senator Rardin
  + Senator Bonnell
* Abstain
  + Senator Taylor
  + Senator Samhan
  + Senator Wilburn-Johnson

Graduate Council Bylaws Review (continued from last meeting)

1. Overview of comments left on Article IV.3.E
   1. group recommends keeping language "ability" rather than "actively serve" to prevent 'catch-22' scenario of having a faculty requirement that is difficult to fill without first being faculty
2. Overview of comments left on Article VI.1
   1. overview language
      1. "Faculty with administrative appointments may serve on the Graduate Council if their administrative duties do not overlap or conflict with the mission of the Graduate Council, and are limited to one seat on the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee."
3. On language throughout the bylaws regarding alternative forms of capstone experiences/final projects where the bylaws only mention "master's theses" or "doctoral dissertations"
   1. Senator Blum overview of feedback given by coordinators of Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts that the term "final project" would best encompass alternatives to the listed items
   2. Group discussed recommending adding "final project" to "master's theses" or "doctoral dissertations"
      1. Idea given by Senator Schmeiser to add language "exit requirement" as some graduate curricula have an exam-based exit requirement that would not fit into the language as listed above
      2. Consideration brought up by Ex-Offico Gatto that there aren't any departments which have no "final project" option, even if they aren't required.
4. Discussion on Article IV.3.A (second A)
   1. Point by Senator Blum that this should be recommended to be removed as it does not reflect existent hiring practices (potentially left-over language from when ISU only hired internally for these positions)
5. Discussion over language throughout regarding awards not being inclusive to all forms of relevant award
6. Going back to Article IV.3.E on improving the inclusivity of language "master's theses or doctoral dissertations" in regard to various department's curricula
   1. Recommendation by Senator Schmeiser to refine language to "master's theses or doctoral dissertations or any other exit requirement"
7. On language throughout regarding the abbreviation of "Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee" to "EDI"
   1. Suggestion by Senator Blum to recommend that the full term be written in headers and abbreviated in section paragraphs

Adjournment

* Motion to adjourn by Senator McHale
* Motion seconded by Senator Schmeiser
* **Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm**