

Council on Graduate Studies

Minutes

September 6, 2022

The September 6, 2022 meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies met in 3108 Blair Hall at 2:00 pm.

Members Present: Dr. Beth Gill, Dr. Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend, Dr. Nikki Hillier, Ms. Elizabeth Nwaozuru, with Dr. Kevin Anderson and Dr. Jim Bruehler attending by Zoom

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ms. Lana Beasley, Dean Hendrickson, Ms. Myra Taylor

Guests Present: None

I. Approval of the May 3, 2022 CGS Meeting Minutes

Dr. Nikki Hillier made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend. Council approved minutes by acclamation.

II. Communications

College Curriculum Committee Minutes: None

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Grade Appeal Report for Spring 2022

III. Approved Executive Actions

EA-CHHS-22-27 Memo from Acting Dean Hendrickson requesting repeat option for NTR 4758

EA-CLAS-22-28 Memo from Sace Elder, Chair, History Department to Dean Bonnekesen to revise admission requirements for grad program in History

EA-CHHS-23-01 Memo from Dean John Storsved requesting removal of prerequisites and notes from KSR 5640

EA-CCHS-23-02 Memo from Dean John Storsved requesting updates to the accelerated program for the MS in Nutrition & Dietetics

Motion to approve all executive actions made by Dr. Bonnie Laughlin Schultz, motion seconded by Dr. Nikki Hillier. Council approved by acclamation.

IV. Items Added to the Agenda

None

V. Items Acted Upon

Associate Graduate Faculty Limitation Waiver Request: Dr. Daniel Banini, Department of Political Science

Motion to approve made by Dr. Nikki Hillier, motion seconded by Dr. Nichole Hugo.

Roll call vote: 8-0-0. Motion approved.

VI. Items Pending

None

VII. Other Items

None

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee
Dean Hendrickson is acting Dean of the Library and will report pertinent information moving forward.
- b. Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC)
Ms. Myra Taylor shared the GSAC had a successful inaugural Success in Graduate School Voluntary Orientation program with approximately 20 people attending in person and 30 people attending via Zoom. The orientation, which featured a panel of three (3) graduate coordinators and Dean Hendrickson, provided information on the resources available to graduate students, strategies for success, and mental health awareness. The GSAC had also participated in Pantherpalooza and plans to hold a "Welcome Back BBQ" on September 9, 2022 for returning members.
- c. Enrollment Worx- Dean Hendrickson
Undergraduate enrollment continues to be an issue due to many reasons including online and pandemic related.
- d. Honorary Degree (Dr. Kevin Anderson)
No new information to be shared for the good of the CGS committee. Discussion was held and it was decided the Honorary Degree Committee moving forward would only be included on the CGS agenda if there was information which needed to be conveyed.
- e. Textbook Rental Advisory (Dr. Jim Bruehler)
No new information needed to be forwarded to the CGS committee.

IX. Dean's Report

- a. Fall 2022 Enrollments
Dean Hendrickson reported graduate student enrollment is at an all-time high with over 1900 students. The international graduate student enrollment has also grown exponentially. Approximately 644 international graduate students have been enrolled (out of the 766 total at EIU). Many international students are pursuing the MS Technology degree.

38 students are in/graduated from the Second Bachelor's Degree programming. 27 students are in progress; 11 students have completed. College of Education and Lumpkin College of Business and Technology lead the way in number of students enrolled.
- b. Graduate Programs of Excellence
Dean Hendrickson expressed the importance of getting programs engaged in providing superior programming. The Dean stated \$7500 could be available to those programs who attain the Graduate Program of Excellence distinction.
- i. Graduate Student Dean Appointee
Dean Hendrickson conducted interviews and selected Ms. Jessica Meadows as the Student Dean of the Graduate School. Ms. Meadows is a second year MS in Counseling graduate student. Ms. Meadows will work with the GSAC with a focus on providing information regarding student physical and mental wellness.
- c. Graduate Student Commencement Speaker update
The Commencement Speaker Competition will not be held as the Provost asked Alumni Affairs to select a commencement speaker. Dean Hendrickson stated graduation ceremonies in the

spring semester will be changing. At this time, two graduation ceremonies are planned. One ceremony will be conducted for the undergraduates, one ceremony will be held for the graduate school.

d. Competency-based Education

The Dean expressed a desire to pursue information on creating a pathway to allow for competency-based education at the graduate level. It is hoped that professional work or other related experience would be utilized for one (1) to three (3) classes per degree, with recognition some degree programs would not be able to participate due to accreditation guidelines. The Dean pointed out many colleges and universities are streamlining the graduate degree process by offering all online programs, reduced cost/timelines, etc., and the EIU Graduate School will have to continue to look for online, flexible and accessible pathways in order to remain highly competitive.

e. Fall Summit 2022

The Fall Summit is scheduled for September 7, 2022. The Dean stated he planned to share information regarding the aforementioned reports, stressing the importance of staying ahead of the competition from other brick and mortar colleges/universities, digital certificates (Such as Google certifications) and schools such as the University of Phoenix.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

CGS Minutes recorded by Myra Taylor

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