

## **Items Approved:**

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### Council on Graduate Studies

#### **Minutes**

*January 19, 2021*

The January 19, 2021 meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies was held virtually at 2:00 pm via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Dr. Lee Patterson, Dr. Nikki Hillier, Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend, Dr. Jim Bruehler, Dr. Peter Liu, Dr. Kevin Anderson, Ms. Shannon Watkins and Dr. Beth Gill

#### **Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Ms. Lana Beasley, Dean Hendrickson

#### **Guests:**

#### **I. Approval of the December 8, 2020 CGS Meeting Minutes.**

Dr. Hillier motioned to approve, Dr. Edmonds-Berend seconded, council approved minutes by acclamation.

#### **II. Communications:**

##### **College Curriculum Committee Minutes:**

01. December 16, 2020, College of Health and Human Services Curriculum Committee [Minutes](#)

#### **III. Approved Executive Actions:**

#### **IV. Items Added to the Agenda:**

1. [21-01](#), Waive associate faculty status limitations for Jenny Sipes
2. [21-02](#), Waive associate faculty status limitations for Cindy Boyer
3. [21-03](#), Waive associate faculty status limitations for Jeremy Alexander

#### **V. Items Acted Upon:**

#### **VI. Items Pending:**

#### **VII. Other Items:**

#### **VIII. Committee Reports:**

- Library Advisory Board – No report
- Graduate Student Advisory Council – Shannon Watkins – Next Meeting Friday, January 22, 2021
- Enrollment Worx- Dean Hendrickson- Meets January 20, 2021 at 11:00 am. GEER grant -approximately 28-33 given out for spring 2021
- Honorary Degree – Kevin Anderson- Candidate has been chosen
- Textbook Rental Advisory- Jim Bruehler- no report other than it was noted that Mitch Coe is temporarily off-work and an email had been sent regarding spring 2021 textbook mailings are delayed due to late returns from fall 2020.

**IX. Dean's Report:** Spring CGS schedule has changed due to the wellness days. Please refer to schedule <https://castle.eiu.edu/~eiucgs/schedule.php>. Graduate Assistants are not required to work wellness days. A message will be sent to graduate coordinators/supervisors regarding this information. Dr. Hillier and Dr. Patterson will represent CGS with CAA for discussion regarding the definition of hybrid courses. There may be some new HLC guidelines. HLC has indicated that if there is more than 25% change in the way a program is delivered, it must be reported to HLC. DFI Grant deadline is February 14, 2021. Please get the word out to

potential applicants. Enrollment for Spring 2021 is about the same as this time last year when you include post-baccalaureate and Graduate Students. Without post-baccalaureate, enrollment is down about 42 students which mainly comes from two programs. MBA enrollment is up, and Art Ed has the highest enrollment it has ever had. Political Science has maintained. There are 52 new international students for spring 2021. Dean Hendrickson will provide Spring 2021 numbers at the next meeting. Study Abroad has been cancelled for Summer 2021 partially due to students cannot return to the US without COVID testing and some countries do not allow you to come in without COVID testing.

Dr. Bruehler motioned to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

– *CGS Minutes recorded by Lana Beasley*

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