

Items Approved

1. 20-12, MS in Chemistry Non-Thesis Option, New Program Proposal
 2. 20-13, Waive associate faculty status limitations for Mark Hudson
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Council on Graduate Studies

Minutes

April 7, 2020

The April 7, 2020 meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies was held virtually at 2:00 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: Dr. Rick Roberts, Dr. Lee Patterson, Dr. Missy Jones, Dr. Nikki Hillier, Dr. Peter Liu, Dr. Angie Jacobs, Ms. Tessa Hanlon*

Members Absent: Dr. Des Adom

Staff Present: Ms. Lori Henderson, Dean Ryan Hendrickson

Guests: Dr. Gopal Periyannan, Dr. Robert Chesnut, Dr. Chris Mitchell

*Dean Hendrickson introduced Graduate Student Dean Tessa Hanlon who will replace Yasmine Ben Miloud who returned to her home country during this time of stay-at-home policies due to the pandemic.

I. Approval of the March 3, 2020 CGS Meeting Minutes.

Dr. Hillier motioned to approve, Dr. Patterson seconded, council approved minutes by acclamation.

II. Communications:

College Curriculum Committee Minutes:

1. March 3, 2020- Lumpkin College of Business and Technology [minutes](#)

III. Approved Executive Actions

1. EA-CLAS-20-14, Memo from Dean Mitchell requesting online delivery for ENG 4801
2. EA-CLAS-20-15, Memo from Dean Mitchell requesting to delete ENG 5940
3. EA-CLAS-20-16, Memo from Dean Mitchell requesting concentration name change for English
4. EA-CHHS-20-17, Memo from Dean Ersin requesting to remove restrictions from HSL 4775
5. EA-CHHS-20-18, Memo from Dean Ersin requesting online delivery for KSR courses
6. EA-CHHS-20-19, Memo from Dean Ersin requesting online delivery for KSR courses
7. EA-CLAS-20-20, Memo from Dean Cornebise requesting online delivery for BIO 4833, 5433, 5490
Dr. Jones motioned to approve, Dr. Hillier seconded, items approved by acclamation.

2. IV. Items Added to the Agenda:

01. 20-14, Dual Degree in Sustainability/MBA Program, Program Removal

V. Items Acted Upon-

1. 20-12, MS in Chemistry Non-Thesis Option, New Program Proposal
Dr. Periyannan presented the proposal, council asked that text on page 2 “degree requirements” not refer to 4750-4999 courses as undergrad since they will be counted as graduate. Dr. Roberts motioned to approve, Dr. Liu seconded, council approved unanimously.
2. 20-13, Waive associate faculty status limitations for Mark Hudson
Dr. Roberts presented, Dr. Patterson motioned to approve, Dr. Hillier seconded, council approved unanimously.

VI. Items Pending:

VII. Other Items:

- 20-15- Graduate grade policy revision due to COVID-19. Approved by electronic vote.
- Assessment Policy Update- Chair Jacobs led discussion on the possibility of further research on any revisions to the learning goals, in particular adding a goal addressing ethical behavior. Consensus is to survey graduate programs and gather feedback on any revisions. Dr. Hiller volunteered to serve on a subcommittee if council decides to form one. Will vote on timeline at next CGS meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports:

- Library Advisory Board - Lee Patterson : awards for excellence submissions are being reviewed, winner will be announced but no ceremony due to stay-at-home policy, library still offering online resources, many journals offering additional free access, library is open but no access to the stacks. 4th floor tech services still accessible. Dean Newell considering new strategic plan
- Graduate Student Advisory Council - Lori Henderson: members met virtually through Collaborate, election process for new president launched. Discussion of mental and physical health issues under the new stay-at-home circumstances, overall students felt supported by EIU but struggling with this abrupt change to daily life. GSAC will continue to offer social engagement through virtual channels.
- Enrollment Management Advisory Committee – Missy Jones: no meeting
- Honorary Degree - Peter Liu: no meeting
- Textbook Rental Advisory- Sheila Simons: no report. Council noted that student need guidance on returning spring textbooks and picking up summer. Dean Hendrickson reported that instructions are forthcoming from VPSA.

IX. Dean's Report: Dean Hendrickson reported that the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board met virtually for their annual meeting. Successful meeting that resulted in philanthropic support . Announced that all summer school will be in an online platform.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

– *CGS Minutes recorded by Lori Henderson*

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