

Items Approved:

01. 21-27, Certificate in Training and Development, Certificate Revision

Council on Graduate Studies

Minutes

April 6, 2021

The April 6, 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. Kevin Anderson, Dr. Peter Liu, and Dr. Beth Gill

Members Absent: Ms. Shannon Watkins

Staff Present: Ms. Lori Henderson, Dean Hendrickson

Guests: Dr. David Melton

I. Approval of the March 16, 2021 CGS Meeting Minutes.

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

II. Communications:

College Curriculum Committee Minutes:

III. Approved Executive Actions:

01. EA-CLAS-21-15, Memo from Dean Cornebise requesting mode of delivery change for BIO Courses
Dr. Bruehler motioned approve, Dr. Hillier seconded. Council approved item by acclamation.

IV. Items Added to the Agenda:

01. 21-28, Certificate in Public Planning, Certificate Revision
02. 21-29, Removal of automatic provisional admission policy
03. 21-30, Grade Appeal Committee revision

V. Items Acted Upon:

1. 21-27, Certificate in Training and Development, Certificate Revision
Dr. David Melton presented the proposal. Dr. Bruehler motioned to approve, Dr. Gill seconded, council approved unanimously

VI. Items Pending:

VII. Other Items:

VIII. Committee Reports:

- Library Advisory Board – Center for Student Innovation has resources available for students to check out; 5 Research awards went to grad students- awards ceremony is 11:00 am Friday
- Graduate Student Advisory Council – Lori Henderson- recruiting presidential nominees for election this spring; working on “care bags” to distribute to grad students during finals week
- Enrollment Worx- Dean Hendrickson- proposal to lower minimum GPA threshold for UG admission to 2.8
- Honorary Degree – Kevin Anderson- checking weather forecast
- Textbook Rental Advisory- Jim Bruehler- met on April 1, discussed textbook rental's problems emerging from the pandemic- suddenly shipping many more books- books not returned or not returned timely from students who unexpectedly left campus- unable to reshelve books before trying to dispense for subsequent semester →extra delay and expense; discussed Textbook Rental Service Task Force draft report (attached)- my take on this is that there are two related problems: 1 TRS not well suited to deliver digital enhancements to courses 2 TRS not well suited to service online courses

IX. Dean's Report: Congrats to Dr. Anderson named Faculty Laureate for 21-22! Thank you to Dr. Carol

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Hamand Stephens for her donation, which results in naming the Grad School dean, the L.M. Hamand Dean of the Graduate School; Dr. Stephens also established the Hamand Innovation Fund, grad programs need to apply; 7 EIU reps attended MAGS and had productive discussions related to the sessions attended, student mental health and wellness prominent theme, will continue to address this at fall summit; Dr. Nichole Hugo will take over last year of Dr. Liu's term; Faculty Senate election produced no candidate for CLAS to replace Dr. Patterson, will rerun election; discussion of automatic provisional admit policy and proposal to eliminate it

Dr. Bruehler motioned to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

– *CGS Minutes recorded by Lori Henderson*

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