

## Council on Graduate Studies

### Minutes

January 24, 2023

The January 24, 2023 hybrid 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, Melissa L Jones-Bromenshenkel, Dr. Nikki Hillier, Ms. Elizabeth Nwaozuru, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Kevin Anderson, Dr. Jim Bruehler

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Guests Present:** Dr. Md Farhadur Reza, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

1. To accommodate Dr. Reza's schedule, a motion was made to move agenda item **23-02** to the beginning of the meeting by Dr. Bruehler and seconded by Dr. Laughlin-Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Reza presented information regarding the need for the creation of CSM 4986 *Deep Learning & Neural Neutrons*.
2. **Approval of the DECEMBER 06, 2022 and DECEMBER 13, 2022 special meeting minutes**

Dr. Jim Bruehler made the motion to approve, Dr. Hugo seconded. Dr. Jones-Bromenshenkel abstained. Council minutes were approved (7-0-1)

### 3. Communication

The committee reviewed the following information-only items:

- a. **12-06-22** CHHS Curriculum Committee Minutes
- b. **CLAS Fall 2022** University Grade Appeal Report
- c. **IGP #65** Medical Leave of Absence Catalog Change
- d. **SB 2032** Compliance with Student Transcripts Release

### Approved Executive Actions

- e. **EA-LCBT-23-10** Addition Of Listed Course To Computer Tec Certificate (TEC 5873)
- f. **EA-LCBT-23-12** Technology MS Catalog Rewording
- g. **EA-CHHS-23-13** Major GPA MS Aging Studies And MS Human Services (Accelerated)
- h. **EA-CLAS-23-14** Update Prerequisite for JOU 4760
- i. **EA-CLAS-23-15** Waive GRE Score Requirement for Clinical Psych MA Program Admission

Motion to approve all executive actions presented was made by Dr. Bruehler, seconded by Dr. Anderson. Motion carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

### 4. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a. **# 23-08 DGT 4751** User Interface And User Experience Revision

Motion to add to the February 7, 2023 agenda made by Dr. Bruehler, seconded by Dr. Laughlin-Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

### 5. Items to be Acted Upon

- a. **23-02 New Course Proposal: CSM 4986 Deep Learning & Neural Neutrons** (CAA approved 1/12/23)

Motion to approve made by Dr. Laughlin-Schultz, seconded by Dr. Anderson. Motion approved unanimously. (8-0-0)

- b. **23-03 Bernas, Ronan**, Nomination Regular Member of the Graduate Faculty
- c. **23-04 Burrows, Trevor**, Nomination Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty

- d. **23-05 Smith, David**, Nomination Regular Member of the Graduate Faculty
- e. **23-06 Wehrle, Edmund**, Nomination Regular Member of the Graduate Faculty

It was noted by Dean Hendrickson a CGS vote for Regular Graduate Faculty Nominations are not required. A motion to approve Dr. Trevor Burrows as Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty was made by Dr. Laughlin-Schultz and seconded by Dr. Anderson. Motion carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

## 6. Items Pending

## 7. Committee and Board Reports

- a. Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (Dean Hendrickson)  
Dean Hendrickson reported the Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Research & Creativity are open for nominations at this time and encouraged all in attendance to share the information and encourage students to apply. Dean Hendrickson added they are currently working to fill vacancies on the Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee, and the search for the Library Dean continues.
- b. Graduate Student Advisory Council (Myra Taylor)  
Prior to the winter break, the GSAC created and distributed approximately 65 'Jingle Bags' to graduate students. The bags, filled with little toys, cocoa, and candy, were well-received by the students. GSAC is also hosting a 'Game Night' on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in the Union Bridge Lounge. Graduate Students were invited to bring a game to share and play.
- c. Eworx (Dean Hendrickson)  
Discussion regarding spring enrollment found the Graduate School's numbers to be excellent. Josh Normand will possibly begin meeting with key personnel regarding strategic planning initiatives on enrollment.
- d. Textbook Rental Advisory (Jim Bruehler)  
No new updates to share.

## Other Items

## Dean's Report

- a. Enrollment:  
Dean Hendrickson reported the graduate level enrollment is approximate 1860 students. This is the second highest enrollment for any semester, and the highest spring semester enrollment. The number of international graduate school students enrolling in spring semester, filled vacancies created by those international students who graduated in fall semester.
- b. Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Fellowship:  
Dean Hendrickson shared the importance of nominating a graduate student for this valuable fellowship. The award (for a student of color who: has completed one semester, plans to stay for another year and desires to work in an Illinois higher education institution upon graduation) generally provides \$12,000 to \$15,000 for recipients to use to supplement their expenses during education.
- c. Graduate Programs of Excellence:  
Former EIU Provost Blair Lord has generously made a substantial contribution for establishment of the *Blair M. Lord Excellence in Graduate Education Fund*. Graduate Programs awarded the "Graduate Program of Excellence" designation will receive \$7,500 to enhance and improve their programs.

- d. Template for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Course Approval Draft:  
A form which will be utilized when submitting a course for approval for use as a Credit for Prior Learning Course (CPL) to CGS is forthcoming. Dean Hendrickson encouraged all to share and promote the CPL course pathway with their colleagues.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

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CGS Minutes recorded by Myra Taylor

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