

Council on Graduate Studies
Minutes
October 18, 2022

The October 18, 2022 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, Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend, Dr. Nikki Hillier, Ms. Elizabeth Nwaozuru, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Kevin Anderson, Dr. Jim Bruehler

Members Absent: None

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

Guests Present: None

I. Approval of the October 4, 2022 CGS Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved pending the correction that Dr. Jim Bruehler was present in-person on October 4, 2022, as opposed to participating via Zoom. Motion to approve made by Dr. Nikki Hillier, motion seconded by Dr. Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote. (6-0-0; Drs. Hugo and Anderson had not yet joined the meeting.)

II. Communications

None

III. Approved Executive Actions

- a. EA-CHHS-23-03 Update to the accelerated program for the M.S. in Health Promotion. Motion to approve made by Ms. Elizabeth Nwaozuru, motion seconded by Dr. Nikki Hillier. Council approved by acclamation. (6-0-0; Drs. Hugo and Anderson had not yet joined the meeting.)

IV. Items Added to the Agenda

None

V. Items Acted Upon

None

VI. Items Pending

None

VII. Committee Reports

- a. *Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee:* Dean Hendrickson shared Dr. Lauri DeRuiter-Willems has been named Chair of the Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee. The Dean further advised the committee is currently working on writing the joint bylaws, as it combined the Faculty Development and Innovation Center (FDIC) and Booth Library Advisory Board. The next meeting of the Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee is scheduled for November 9, 2022.
- b. *Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):* Ms. Myra Taylor reported the GSAC has had moderate turn out at each of the last two GSAC meetings, with 15-20 individuals in attendance. Myra shared a guest speaker presented at each meeting. Topics included the use of pronouns and a stress regulation/self-care presentation. The GSAC will also be hosting a “pop up service event” on Friday, October 21, 2022 where they will be making blankets for One Stop Community Christmas.

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Additionally, GSAC VP of Diversity Attainea Toulon will be leading an art-based diversity exercise following the GSAC meeting on October 28, 2022. Dean Hendrickson added several graduate students and the Graduate Student Dean manned the Graduate College table at EIU Homecoming Tent City where they acted as ambassadors for the Graduate School while handing out giveaways.

- c. *EWorx*: Dean Hendrickson reported Associate Vice-President for Enrollment Management, Josh Norman, was excited about the good turnout for the recent Open House (October 10, 2022). The Dean stated acceptance of international student applications to the Graduate School for spring 2023 will be closing soon. Applications for Cybersecurity and Technology programs have already been closed due to overwhelming submissions.
- d. *Textbook Rental Advisory*: Dr. Jim Bruehler advised no new information needed to be forwarded to the CGS committee.

Dean's Report

- a. *Alumni Mentorship Program*: Dean Hendrickson stated there are currently six (6) matches for the alumni mentorship program, and all come from the M.A. in Art program. The Dean encouraged CGS members to share the opportunity with their respective departments to ascertain interest.

To participate, programs are asked to match a current graduate student with an alumni (with five or more years of experience in their field) and forward names to Ms. Myra Taylor. The Dean stated student selection should be based upon the student's ability to act responsibly, be organized, interact with others, and be an ambassador for both the graduate program and EIU. Dean Hendrickson added the program has been found to be most beneficial in helping graduate students navigate post-graduation tasks, such as resume' creation, interview process, making connections in the related career field, etc. For the participating alumnus, it is a way to contribute in a non-financial way to the graduate school.

- b. *Graduate School Diversity Promotion Grant*: Dean Hendrickson shared this \$1,000 grant, funded by a graduate school alumni board member, is available to assist in program projects which would serve to increase diversity. The grant request does not have to be for the entire \$1,000. Applications are due to Myra Taylor by Wednesday, October 26, 2022.
- c. *Other*: The Dean advised he would be distributing information regarding Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) at the graduate level to the CGS members. Ryan stated the use of PLA can reduce both time and money spent on a Master's degree. On average, PLA at the undergrad level is 1/3 the cost of a traditional class.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

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