

Council on Graduate Studies

Minutes

October 7, 2025 – 2:00 p.m., Blair Hall 3108.

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Attendance

Members Present: Dr. Elizabeth Gill, Dr. Maranda Schaljo, Dr. Wesley Allan, Mr. Jeff Cranstoun, Dr. Alexis Jones, Dr. Chris Laingen, Mr. Eric Senyo

Members Absent: Mr. Toqeer Israr

Guests Present: None

Staff Present: Dean Angela Jacobs, Mr. Chris Dominguez, Ms. Melanee Bates, Ms. Myra Taylor

1. Minutes

The minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Hearing no corrections, the minutes stand as written.

2. Communications

EA-26-CLAS-01 HIS/WGS 4845: Women & Gender in Modern Europe Title Change Request

EA-26-CLAS-02: Renumber JOU 5001 Examination of Journalistic Media to JOU 5010

Motion to approve communication items made by Dr. Schaljo, seconded by Mr. Cranstoun. Motion carried by acclamation.

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

26-02 Council on Graduate Studies Proposed By-Law Revision

Motion suspend the by-laws to add and vote upon agenda item 26-02 made by Chair Gill, seconded by Dr. Jones. Motion carried (7-0-0).

Motion to approve 26-02 made by Dr. Allan, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Motion carried (7-0-0).

4. Items to be Acted Upon

None.

5. Items Pending

None.

6. Other

Multimodality Proposal Update:

Chair Gill and Dean Jacobs shared updates regarding the approval of the Multimodality/HyFlex proposal. The Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) has proposed a by-law revision allowing undergraduate courses (with proposals less than ten years old) to be approved by executive action if changing delivery mode to HyFlex/multimodality. Once CAA votes on this change, CGS will need to determine how to approve graduate-level courses for HyFlex delivery.

7. Committee Reports:

Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC): Ms. Taylor reported the first GSAC meeting was well attended, and the Executive Board was selected.

Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC): Dean Jacobs reported Dr. Anna Kochigina (Communication Studies) agreed to serve. As Dr. Kochigina cannot attend the October 8, 2025 meeting, Ms. Taylor will attend instead.

Textbook Rental Advisory Committee: Dr. Maranda Schaljo agreed to serve as Textbook Rental Advisory Representative. Dr. Schaljo shared the committee meets October 8, 2025.

8.0 Dean's Report:

Dean Jacobs announced Dr. Wesley Allan (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences) and Dr. Alexis Jones (College of Education) will serve as assessment coordinators for Fall 2025. She will seek representatives from Lumpkin College of Business and Technology and the College of Health and Human Services for the next cycle. Graduate assessment pages have been updated with instructions, forms, and past program reports.

Dr. Richard England (Pine Honors College) has arranged April 22, 2025, as Research Day at EIU. All classes will be canceled for students to share research projects. The Graduate School's Graduate Expo (Research & Creative Activity Fair and Awards Ceremony) will move to this date.

As part of Research Day, Dean Jacobs proposed hosting a 3-Minute Thesis Competition, where students present their thesis in three minutes, using one slide, in both comedic and educational style. Faculty assistance will be needed, and members were asked to share this with colleagues to gauge interest.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Schaljo, seconded by Dr. Jones. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Summary of Motions and Outcomes

Item	Motion	Outcome
EA-26-CLAS-01 & EA-26-CLAS-02	Approve communications	Approved by acclamation
26-02	Add to agenda	Approved (7-0-0)
26-02	Approve by-law revision	Approved (7-0-0)
Adjournment	Adjourn meeting	Approved