

Council on Graduate Studies Minutes

April 29, 2025

The April 29, 2025 hybrid meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies met in 3108 Blair Hall at 2:00 pm.

Members Present: Dr. Alexis Jones, Dr. Elizabeth Gill, Dr. Chandra Chahyadi, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Chris Laingen, Dr. Maranda Schaljo, Ms. Ryleigh Poe

Members Absent: Dr. Wesley Allan

Staff Present: Ms. Lana Beasley, Ms. Melanee Bates, Mr. Christobal Dominguez, Ms. Myra Taylor, Dr. Robert Chesnut

Guests Present: Dr. Angela Jacobs, Dr. Catherine Polydore, Dr. Danessa Carter, Dr. Lee Patterson, Dr. Michael Beck, Dr. Cori More

1. Minutes

The minutes of the April 15, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Hearing no changes or objections, the minutes stand as written.

2. Communication

- a. CHHS Curriculum Committee Minutes April 23, 2025

Motion to accept the communication item was made by Dr. Schaljo, seconded by Dr. Gill. Motion carried by acclamation. (6-0-0)

Dr. Chahyadi joined the meeting (2:07 p.m.).

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

Chair Jones noted that representatives from the Special Education, Communication, and Counseling programs had submitted requests to suspend the CGS by-laws in order to allow for the review and vote on their respective items (25-39 through 25-41 (c-e) and 25-47 through 25-50 (k-n)) during the meeting.

Motion to suspend the by-laws was made by Dr. Gill, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Motion carried by roll call vote. All members in favor, with Dr. Hugo abstaining. (6-0-1) Items moved to Section 4: Items to be Acted Upon

Chair Jones requested a motion to add items 25-32 (a), 25-33 (b), and 25-42 through 25-46 (f-j) to the agenda of the first CGS meeting (TBD) of the fall 2025 semester.

Motion made by Dr. Gill, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. All members in favor, with Dr. Hugo abstaining. (6-0-1)

- a. **25-32** CHM 5101 Probes in Chemical Biology
- b. **25-33** CHM 5106 Endogenous and Xenobiotic Metabolism
- c. **25-42** CHE 5790 Crisis & Emergency Management in Higher Education (New Course)
- d. **25-43** FMD 4858 Art & Fashion (New Course)
- e. **25-44** HyFlex Modality Offerings

- f. **25-45** KSR 5270 Neuromuscular Exercise Physiology & Programming (Course Revision)
- g. **25-46** KSR 5211 Revenue in Sport (Course Revision)

4. Items to be Acted Upon

- a. **25-39** MAT SPE Program Revision (Remove EDF 5500, Add ELE 4890)
Motion to approve made by Dr. Schaljo, seconded by Dr. Gill. Motion carried, with Dr. Hugo abstaining. (6-0-1)
- b. **25-40** JOU 5001 Examination of Journalistic Media (New Course)
Motion to approve made by Dr. Gill, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Motion carried, with Dr. Hugo abstaining. (6-0-1)
- c. **25-41** CHE 5690 Supervision & Trauma Informed Care (New Course)
Motion to approve made by Dr. Schaljo, seconded by Dr. Gill. Motion carried, with Dr. Hugo abstaining. (6-0-1)
- d. **25-47** CMN 5025 Applied & Professional Communication (New Course)
Motion to approve made by Dr. Laingen, seconded by Dr. Gill. Motion carried, with Dr. Hugo abstaining. (6-0-1)
- e. **25-48** MA Communication Pedagogy Program Revision
- f. **25-49** MA Communication Studies Program Revision
Motion to approve 25-48 and 25-49 made by Dr. Gill, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Motion carried, with Dr. Hugo abstaining. (6-0-1)
- g. **25-50** MS CHE (School Counseling) Program Revision
Motion to approve made by Dr. Schaljo, seconded by Dr. Laingen. Motion carried, with Dr. Hugo abstaining. (6-0-1)
- h. **25-29** CHM 5009 Safety and Ethics in Chemical Research
Motion to approve made by Dr. Gill, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Motion carried. (7-0-0)
- i. **25-30 & 25-31** CHM 5285 Bioanalytical Problem-Solving Laboratory & CHM 5280 Bioanalytical Problem Solving
Motion to approve made by Dr. Gill, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Motion carried. (7-0-0)
- j. **25-36 & 25-37** Noble, Emma & Grube, Josh Associate Graduate Faculty Waiver Requests
Motion to approve made by Dr. Gill, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Motion carried. (7-0-0)
- k. **25-38** Remove HIS 5990 Independent Study in MA (online) History for Teachers Program
Motion to approve made by Dr. Schaljo, seconded by Dr. Gill. Motion carried. (7-0-0)

5. Items Pending

None

6. Other

Chair Dr. Jones nominated Dr. Gill to serve as Chair for the 2025–2026 academic year. Motion carried by acclamation.

Dr. Gill nominated Dr. Schaljo to serve as Vice Chair. Motion carried by acclamation.

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):** Myra Taylor reported that three international GSAC members traveled to Effingham Public Library for a public Q&A session regarding their cultures and home countries. The event was well attended with 15 high school students participating. The group also held a bowling night activity and on Monday, April 28, provided a Graduate Student Appreciation Breakfast open to students. Thirty graduate students attended.
- b. **Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee:** No report submitted.
- c. **Textbook Rental Advisory:** No report submitted.

8. Dean's Report

Interim Dean Chesnut shared that the College Student Affairs (CSA) program has been placed on hiatus for the 2025–2026 academic year. The program has not been ended. The time will be used to review for program redesign.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Poe, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.