

Council on Graduate Studies

Minutes

December 6, 2022

The December 6, 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, Ms. Myra Taylor

Guests Present: None

1. Approval of the November 15, 2022 CGS Meeting Minutes

Dr. Nikki Hillier made a motion to approve, Dr. Laughlin-Schultz seconded. Council minutes approved by acclamation.

2. Communications

a. Approved Executive Actions

- i. **EA-CHHS-23-08:** Revise the course prerequisites and/or descriptions for HSL 2850, 4845, 4846, 4850, 4854, 4859, and 4860
- ii. **EA-CLAS-23-09:** Revise Major GPA required for admission to the Accelerated MA Program in History from 3.50 to 3.25.

Dr. Bruehler motioned to approve the executive actions, motion seconded by Dr. Hillier. Approved by acclamation.

3. Items Added to the Agenda

- a. **Agenda Item 23-02** New Course Proposal: CSM 4986 Deep Learning and Neural Networks
Item will be placed on the January 10, 2023 agenda to be acted upon.

4. Items to be Acted upon

- a. **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)** (Previously Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)) Final Draft Presentation
After discussion, the committee concurred the decision to approve the final draft of the CPL guidelines should be acted upon at the January 10, 2023 meeting as some clarification regarding the policy was needed from Dean Hendrickson.
- b. Graduate Faculty Limitation Waiver request for **Paul Danyi, Political Science/CLAS**
Motion to approve made by Dr. Hillier, seconded by Dr. Bruehler. (8-0-0)

5. Items Pending

None

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee:** No report.
- b. **Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):** Ms. Myra Taylor reported GSAC voted to implement a point system to encourage members to attend meetings, events, and other programming. GSAC will also be sponsoring a spring Graduate Student Orientation meeting on January 13, 2023, for all new and current graduate students. The orientation offers suggestions from the Dean and a panel of graduate coordinators on ways to succeed in graduate school.

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- c. **EWorx:** Reporting on behalf of Dean Hendrickson, Ms. Taylor reported the following on behalf of Dean Hendrickson: Assistant Dean Andy Kabasele reported on behalf of OISS and the Graduate School that there are approximately 1300 I-20s distributed, along with 500 SEVIS appointments. However, only 50 students have requested reservations for pick up at O'Hare for the spring semester at this time. International students continue to struggle to get visa appointments, so it is difficult to know right now what our international student yield will be.
- d. **Textbook Rental Advisory:** Dr. Bruehler reported the Textbook Rental taskforce met. Dr. Buehler shared the group discussed strategies for meeting the bond payment for the building in which Textbook Rental Service is housed. The group also discussed the merits of online and printed textbooks, the impact online courses have on textbook distribution/delivery, and the impact textbook rental has on attracting students to EIU.

7. Dean's Report

- a. On behalf of the Dean, Ms. Taylor reminded the committee there will be a graduate student commencement ceremony held spring semester. This differs from the past practice of having the graduate school graduates share a commencement ceremony with a college.
- b. Ms. Taylor also advised members the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship (DFI) administered through the IBHE, is now open for nominations. The fellowship is directed toward underrepresented graduate students who are planning to teach or become administrators in higher education in Illinois after graduation. Students who are awarded the fellowship receive four years of support, annual stipends ranging from \$11-15,000, and full tuition coverage. Information about the fellowship may be found on the graduate school webpage.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

CGS Minutes recorded by Myra Taylor

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