

Council on Graduate Studies Minutes February 20, 2024

The February 20, 2024 hybrid meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies met in 3108 Blair Hall at 2:00 pm.

Members Present: Dr. Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, Dr. Nikki Hillier, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Alexis Jones, Dr. Chris Laingen, Dr. Farhad Sadeh

Members Absent: Dr. Wesley Allan, Ms. Chavionne Thomas

Staff Present: Interim Dean Dr. Robert Chesnut, Ms. Lana Taylor, Ms. Myra Taylor

Guests Present: None

1. Minutes

The minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Hearing no changes or objections, the minutes stand as written.

2. Communication

- a. College of Health & Human Services January 22, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
- b. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences November 29, 2023 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
- c. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee January 16-17 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
- d. College of Health & Human Services February 12, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
- e. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences January 31, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Dr. Laingen to accept the communication items. Seconded by Dr. Sadeh. Motion carried by acclamation.

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a. **24-33** MA in Art Program Revision (Fall 2024)
- b. **24-34** Communication Disorders & Sciences Change to Accelerated Admission Proposal

Motion to add agenda item 24-33 MA in Art Program Revision (Fall 2024) to the March 5, 2024 agenda *of Items to be Acted Upon* made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Laingen. Approved by roll call vote.

Motion to table item 24-34 Communication Disorders & Sciences Change to Accelerated Admission Proposal as it was not properly approved at college level prior to submission to CGS was made by Dr. Sadeh, seconded by Dr. Jones. Motion carried by roll call vote.

4. Items to be Acted Upon:

- a. Request by Lana Beasley, Certification Officer and Myra Taylor, Graduate School Support Specialist to change Academic Warning verbiage in Graduate Catalog

Motion to approve made by Dr. Laingen, seconded by Dr. Hillier. Motion carried by roll call vote.

5. Items Pending: None

6. Other: None

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):** Ms. Taylor reported GSAC hosted a “Paint and Sip” Event attended by approximately 30 graduate students.
- b. **Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC):** Dr. DeRuiter-Willems submitted a report of the February 14, 2024 BCAC meeting. (Included at end of minutes.)
- c. **Textbook Rental Advisory:** No report
- d. **Dean’s Report:** Interim Dean Chesnut discussed the Graduate Program of Excellence and creation of CGS Review Committees for same. Dr. Chesnut also shared enrollment in graduate school is down 1.9% spring 2023 to spring 2024.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dr. Laingen, seconded by Dr. Jones. Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

February 14, 2024 Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee Summary:

Pedagogy Day is 3/14. We are encouraged to register and attend.

<https://www.eiu.edu/fdic/pedagogyday.php>

The Adobe Creative Cloud is available to all faculty (automatic) and students (must sign up) free of charge. There are many tools to make flyers and videos, merge pdfs, and more. The FDIC staff are willing to host department faculty meetings and student sessions so individuals can explore. They are also available to explore AI uses.

Booth Awards for Excellence submissions are being accepted until 2/29. An awards ceremony will be held on 4/10.

[\(https://www.eiu.edu/booth/awardsforexcellence/\)](https://www.eiu.edu/booth/awardsforexcellence/)

<https://boothnews.eiu.edu/2024/02/08/oer-grant-opportunity-for-faculty/>

Booth News has several upcoming events:

- OER @ EIU funding opportunity for faculty to create and adopt OER for courses they teach.
- Authors @ EIU celebrate faculty members who have published.

See Booth News for details on both.

--Submitted by Dr. Lauri DeRuiter-Willems, PhD