

Council on Graduate Studies Minutes March 26, 2024

The March 26, 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, Ms. Chavionne Thomas

Members Absent: Dr. Wesley Allan

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

Guests Present: Dr. Melinda Mueller, Chair, Political Science,
Dr. Ryan Burge, Graduate Coordinator, Political Science.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the March 5, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Hearing no changes or objections, the minutes stand as written.

2. Communication

- a. CHHS March 4, 2024 Curriculum Committee Minutes
- b. **EA-COE-24-16** MAT in ELE Course Number Correction
- c. **EA-CHHS-24-17** Revise Numbering/Designation and credit hours for CDS 4850

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

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a. **24-37** Curricular Revisions to the Aging Studies Graduate Program
- b. **24-38** Curricular Revisions to the Human Services Graduate Program

Motion to add agenda items 24-35 and 24-36 to the April 9, 2024 agenda made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Sadeh. Approved by roll call vote.

4. Items to be Acted Upon:

- a. **24-35 Noble, Emma** Associate Faculty Waiver Request (Thesis Committee)

Motion to accept made by Dr. Hillier, motion seconded by Dr. Laingen. Approved by roll call vote.

- b. **24-36** Higher Education & Community College Accelerated Program Creation

Motion to approve made by Dr. Sadeh, motion seconded by Dr. Laingen. Approved by roll call vote.

5. Items Pending: None

6. Other:

- a. **Graduate Programs of Excellence Presentation: Political Science**

Dr. Ryan Burge along with comments from Political Science Chair, Dr. Melinda Mueller, discussed their program's Graduate Program of Excellence submission.

- b. **Waiver of a Policy on Graduate Education:** Interim Dean Chesnut shared the CGS Waiver Committee's decision to approve a Waiver of a Policy on Graduate Education requested by student Brandy Verdin, CSA program.

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):** No report
- b. **Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC):** No report
- c. **Textbook Rental Advisory:** No report

8. Dean's Report: No report

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dr. Hillier. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.