

Council on Graduate Studies Minutes October 17, 2023

The October 17, 2023 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. Wesley Allan, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Alexis Jones, Dr. Chris Laingen, Dr. Farhad Sadeh.

Members Absent: Chavionne Thomas

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

Guests Present: None

1. Minutes

- a. Approval of the **050223** meeting minutes.
Hearing no corrections, minutes stand as written.

2. Communication

- a. **EA-CHHS-23-09** Prerequisites to be added to: HCM 5610, PUBH 5750, PUBH 5765, PUBH 5800, and PUBH 5800

Motion to approve executive actions made by Dr. Chris Laingen, seconded by Dr. Nikki Hillier. Approved by acclamation.

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a. **24-04 ENG 5021** (New Course) Evaluating Student Writing
- b. **24-05 ENG 5022** (New Course) Grammar and the Teaching of Writing
- c. **24-06 MAT SPE PROGRAM PROPOSAL**
- d. **24-07 MAT SPE 5000** (New Course) Residency I in Special Education
- e. **24-08 MAT SPE 5001** (New Course) Residency II in Special Education
- f. **24-09 MAT SPE 5002** (New Course) Characteristics and Legal Issues in Special Education
- g. **24-10 MAT SPE 5003** (New Course) Families and Collaboration in Special Education
- h. **24-11 MAT SPE 5004** (New Course) Assessment and Methods for Teaching Students with ELN
- i. **24-12 MAT SPE 5005** (New Course) Strategies and Assessment ELN
- j. **24-13 MAT SPE 5006** (New Course) Class and Behavior Management in SPE
- k. **24-14 MAT SPE 5007** (New Course) Transition Planning for ILN

Motion to add all items to the October 31, 2023 agenda made by Dr. Wesley Allan, motion seconded by Dr. Nikki Hillier. Motion passed by acclamation.

4. Items to be Acted Upon: None

5. Items Pending: None

6. Other: Advanced Look at New Programs

Interim Dean Chesnut shared a program concept from Nutrition and Dietetics (3+2 BS Nutrition through MSND:DI)

7. Committee Reports

- a. Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC): Ms. Myra Taylor shared the GSAC Committee are establishing activities for the coming year and that meetings have been well-attended. The Committee will be distributing "Boo Bags" to graduate students the week before Halloween.
- b. Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee: (Dr. DeRuiter-Willems) Dr. DeRuiter-Willems could not attend the meeting, but will forward copies of the minutes from the meeting at a later time.
- c. Textbook Rental Advisory: No report

8. Dean's Report

- a.** Interim Dean Chesnut shared the OISS office has two (2) new staff members, replacing those who resigned their positions. Dr. Chesnut shared an office manager-type position has been created and the hired individual will be the primary contact for all emails and phone calls.
- b.** Nine (9) thesis award nominations were made, and a decision will be made by October 27, 2023 as to the winner of the Robert & Katherine Augustine Distinguished Thesis Award winner, the EIU College Distinguished Thesis Award winners, and the MAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Master's Thesis nominee.
- c.** Dr. Chesnut reminded those present about the EIU Graduate Fair being held October 18, and encouraged attendance and assistance in promoting the event to EIU undergraduate students.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dr. Nikki Hillier, seconded by Dr. Wesley Allan
Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.