

Council on Graduate Studies Minutes October 31, 2023

The October 31, 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. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Alexis Jones, Dr. Chris Laingen, Dr. Farhad Sadeh, Chavionne Thomas

Members Absent: Dr. Wesley Allan

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

Guests Present: Dr. Angela Vietto, Dr. Kathryn Havercroft

1. Minutes

- a. Approval of the 101723 meeting minutes.
Hearing no corrections, minutes stand as written.

2. Communication

- a. October 4, 2023 CLAS Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept CLAS Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes made by Dr. Nikki Hillier, seconded by Dr. Alexis Jones. Approved by acclamation.

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a. **24-15** Mitchell, Chris Associate Graduate Faculty Nomination (thesis committee-CSA)
- b. **24-16** Webb, Amber Associate Graduate Faculty Nomination (thesis committee-CSA)
- c. **24-17** Wehr, Nathan Associate Graduate Faculty Nomination (thesis committee-CSA)

Motion to add all items to the November 14, 2023 agenda made by Dr. Chris Laingen, motion seconded by Dr. Farhad Sadeh. Motion passed by acclamation.

4. Items to be Acted Upon:

Motion to consider Items to be Acted Upon made by Dr. Farhad Sadeh, seconded by Dr. Alexis Jones:

- a. **24-04 ENG 5021** (New Course) Evaluating Student Writing

Motion to approve 24-04 ENG 5021 made by Dr. Nikki Hillier, seconded by Dr. Farhad Sadeh. Motion approved by roll call voice vote.

- b. **24-05 ENG 5022** (New Course) Grammar and the Teaching of Writing

Motion to approve 24-05 ENG 5022 made by Dr. Chris Laingen, seconded by Dr. Nikki Hillier. Motion approved by roll call voice vote.

- c. **24-06 MAT SPE PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Motion to approve 24-06 MAT SPE PROGRAM PROPOSAL made by Dr. Alexis Jones, seconded by Dr. Farhad Sadeh. Motion approved by roll call voice vote.

- 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 approve items d-k (24-07 through 24-14) made by Dr. Alexis Jones, seconded by Dr. Chris Laingen.
Motion approved by roll call voice vote.

5. Items Pending: None

6. Other: CGS Vice Chair Candidacy

Chair, Dr. Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz encouraged members to consider fulfilling the role as CGS Vice Chair in spring semester 2024, as Dr. Hillier will be stepping down.

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):** Ms. Myra Taylor shared the GSAC Committee distributed over 160 “Boo Bags” to graduate students to celebrate Halloween, created blankets for One Stop Christmas at the conclusion of their recent meeting, and were planning a bowling/pizza night.
- b. **Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee:** (Dr. DeRuiter-Willems) Dr. DeRuiter-Willems provided the following updates from the BCAC October 11, 2023 meeting:

FDIC Updates:

There have been a lot of requests for ISTS assistance. They are excited and eager to get started on training and assistance for the new Adobe contract, instated last month. All IL public universities banded together to form a contract with Adobe, and all faculty, staff and students have access to the full Creative Cloud suite. Adobe wanted to house a training and development unit on each campus, and the FDIC is serving that capacity at EIU. Gillespie will attend a state-level meeting Friday and can share more in the FDIC newsletter at the end of the month.

FDIC is beginning to schedule programming for spring. Faculty Reading Group starts at the end of January, with a book on inclusive pedagogy/course design.

Booth Library Updates:

The library has hired a Marketing Associate, Anna Nelson (beginning at the end of October). Steve Brantley will be on sabbatical SP24. Brantley is the head of Research and Engagement Services, and also a subject specialist for 7 areas, so conversations will continue regarding how a small library faculty group can absorb those roles. The family hub is in the cue for construction. Check social media for upcoming activities and events.

- c. **Textbook Rental Advisory:** No report

8. Dean’s Report

- a. Interim Dean Chesnut shared the OISS office is interviewing for an office manager
- b. The first Graduate School Graduate Fair was deemed a success. Interim Dean Chesnut thanked everyone for their participation and for spreading the word about the event. Over 70 students attended.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dr. Farhad Sadeh, seconded by Dr. Chris Laingen. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.