

Council on Graduate Studies

October 21, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. | 3108 Blair Hall

Attendance

Members Present: Dr. Beth Gill, Dr. Maranda Schaljo, Dr. Chris Laingen, Dr. Alexis Jones, Mr. Jeff Cranstoun, Dr. Toqeer Israr, Mr. Eric Senyo

Members Absent: Dr. Wesley Allan

Guests: None.

Staff Present: Dean Angela Jacobs, Ms. Melanee Bates, and Ms. Myra Taylor

1. Minutes

The minutes of the October 7, 2025, meeting were reviewed.

No corrections or revisions were noted; the minutes stand as written.

2. Communications

Motion: Dr. Laingen moved to approve all Communication items as presented; motion seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Approved by acclamation.

Items Approved:

- EA-26-CHHS-03: NTR 5154 Medical Nutrition Therapy – Request to add HyFlex delivery option.
- EA-26-CLAS-04: CHM 5420 Modern Organic Chemistry – Request to add HyFlex delivery option.
- EA-26-CHHS-05: NTR 5151 Nutrition and Dietetics in Public Health – Request to add hybrid delivery modality.

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

None.

4. Items to be Acted Upon

None.

5. Items Pending

None.

6. Other

The Council supports the proposal for establishing criteria for micro-credentials and stackable certificates and directs Dean Jacobs to proceed sharing it for implementation in Graduate School programs that wish to participate.

7. Committee Reports

a. Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC): Ms. Taylor reported the GSAC will meet on Friday, October 24, 2025, with one of the discussion topics being amending the group constitution.

- b. Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC): Ms. Taylor noted there were no additional comments on the submitted BCAC report provided in the meeting packet.
- c. Textbook Rental Advisory Committee: Dr. Schaljo reported the committee is considering contracting a third-party vendor to run the bookstore and provide course materials. The group is currently gathering input from students and faculty. Student feedback has indicated the primary concern is the potential for increased material costs.

8. Dean’s Report

- a. Dean Jacobs reported that assessment reporting for Fall 2025 is underway. Some confusion remains regarding the reporting schedule, which is being clarified.
- b. The Dean reminded members of the Graduate School Fair taking place Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in the University Ballroom, MLK Union, and encouraged members to share the information with undergraduate students and colleagues who teach undergraduate courses.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Schaljo and seconded by Dr. Jones. The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Summary of Motions and Outcomes

#	Motion	Mover	Seconder	Outcome
1	Approve all Communication items (EA-26-CHHS-03, EA-26-CLAS-04, EA-26-CHHS-05)	Dr. Laingen	Dr. Schaljo	Approved by acclamation
2	Motion to Adjourn	Dr. Schaljo	Dr. Jones	Approved by acclamation