

TO: Council on Graduate Studies

FROM: David J. Boggs, Ph.D., Chair of the Council on Graduate Studies

RE: Request to Temporarily Suspend CGS Bylaw

EFFECTIVE DATE: Spring 2018

DATE: November 3, 2017

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Professor of Economics, Dr. Mukti Upadhyay, is presently (fall 2017) on sabbatical but is scheduled to return to service on the EIU Council on Graduate Studies for the spring 2018 semester, after which his scheduled term of service to CGS will be complete. During Dr. Upadhyay's absence due to sabbatical Dr. Dés Adom, also a member of the Economics faculty, was elected to CGS and is now serving with several years left on his term of service. When Dr. Upadhyay returns to complete the last semester of his elected term of service in the spring 2018 semester, CGS will be in violation of its bylaws ("at no time may two elected members of the Council represent the same graduate program") unless approval is provided to temporarily suspend this bylaw (for the spring 2018 semester). Because the time of proposed overlap is short (one semester) and it is a relatively time-intensive process to have a special election, I recommend that the CGS bylaw prohibiting two members of the same graduate program from serving on CGS at the same time be suspended for this particular situation for the spring 2018 semester. Please consider and act upon this request. Thank you.