Council on Graduate Studies
September 8, 2026

Attendance

Members Present: Dr. Maranda Schaljo, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Beth Gill, Dr. Michael Beck, Dr. Melissa Jones-Bromenshenkel, Dr. Toqeer Israr
Members Absent: Dr. Gopal Periyannan
Staff Present: Dean Angela Jacobs, Ms. Melanee Bates, Ms. Myra Taylor

1. Minutes

a. Approval of the April 28, 2026 meeting minutes: Hearing no corrections or objections, the minutes stand as written.

2. Communications

a. EA-27-CEHHS-01 HSL 5100 Change Title from Societal Theories of Aging to Older Adult Development

b. EA-27-CEHHS-02 Update Delivery Modality for KSR 5250 and KSR 5640

Dr. Schaljo noted that the effective semester for EA-27-CEHHS-01 HSL 5100 was listed as Fall 2026 and should be Spring 2027.

Motion: Dr. Gill moved to accept both communication items with an amendment to EA-27-CEHHS-01 changing the effective semester to Spring 2027; seconded by Dr. Jones-Bromenshenkel. Outcome: Motion carried by acclamation.

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

a. 27-01 CGS Bylaws Revision

Motion: Dr. Israr moved to add item 27-01 to the agenda; seconded by Dr. Jones-Bromenshenkel. Outcome: Motion approved (6-0-0).

4. Items to be Acted Upon

a. None

5. Items Pending

a. None

6. Other

a. Undergraduate Enrollment in Courses Numbered 5900 or Higher

Dean Jacobs discussed conflicting information in the catalog and current waiver form regarding undergraduate enrollment in courses above the 5000 level. She proposed bringing language to the Council to more clearly define which courses and/or course-number levels undergraduates may not take. The Council agreed clarification was needed. Dean Jacobs will provide proposed language at the next regular meeting.

b. Vice-Chair Election

Dr. Schaljo reported that the Council needed to elect a Vice-Chair. Due to membership rotation, bylaw requirements, and University restructuring, eligible candidates were limited to Dr. Hugo and Dr. Gill. Dr. Gill agreed to serve as Vice-Chair for the fall semester.

Motion: Dr. Jones-Bromenshenkel moved to approve Dr. Gill as Vice-Chair for the fall semester; seconded by Dr. Hugo. Outcome: Motion carried by acclamation.

7. Committee Reports

a. Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC): Ms. Taylor reported that GSAC will hold its first meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 11, in the Loft, MLK Union. This year, the Council will be tasked with restructuring GSAC to better represent today's graduate student experience.

b. Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC): Ms. Taylor reported that BCAC minutes will be obtained and included in Council meeting packets when available.

c. Textbook Rental Advisory (TRS): Dr. Schaljo reported that a trial of the eBook rental program was held during the summer semester. The service was utilized by 6.4% of total summer enrollment (98 students). Follow-up will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of the program.

8. Dean's Report

a. Graduate Student Welcome Event: Dean Jacobs reported that the first Graduate Student Welcome Event was held in conjunction with Pantherpalooza on Sunday, August 23, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Approximately 50 people attended the event, which included a picnic-style lunch.

b. Fall Summit: September 9, 3:30 p.m., 1895 Room, MLK Union.

c. Assessment Update: Dean Jacobs reported that Dr. Israr and Dr. Gill have agreed to provide assessment reviews. Nineteen programs are expected to submit assessment reports this semester.

d. GradCAS System: Dean Jacobs shared information about GradCAS, an application system that could be used to enhance applications to and inquiries about the Graduate School. She is conferring with Enrollment Management and Information Technology Support to determine whether implementation is feasible.

e. Online Tuition Rate: Dean Jacobs reported that the EIU Board of Trustees would vote the following day on a motion to charge all online students the domestic tuition rate. Currently, out-of-state students and international students located overseas are charged a higher rate.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Gill moved to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Israr. The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Summary of Motions and Outcomes

#	Motion	Mover	Seconder	Outcome
1	Accept communication items with amendment to EA-27-CEHHS-01	Gill	Jones-Bromenshenkel	Acclamation
2	Add 27-01 to agenda	Israr	Jones-Bromenshenkel	6-0-0
3	Approve Dr. Gill as Vice-Chair for fall semester	Jones-Bromenshenkel	Hugo	Acclamation
4	Adjourn	Gill	Israr	Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.