

Council on Graduate Studies Minutes October 15, 2024

The October 15, 2024 hybrid meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies met in 3108 Blair Hall at 2:00 pm.

Members Present: Dr. Alexis Jones, Dr. Nichole Hugo, Dr. Maranda Schaljo, Dr. Elizabeth Gill, Dr. Chris Laingen, Dr. Wesley Allan, Dr. Candra Chahyadi, Ms. Carrie Wennerdahl

Members Absent: None

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

Guests Present: Dr. Daniel Carter, Graduate Coordinator, Curriculum and Instruction

1. Minutes

The minutes of the October 1, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Hearing no changes or objections, the minutes stand as written.

2. Communication

- a. CLAS Curriculum Committee Minutes September 18, 2024

Motion to accept communication items made by Dr. Laingen, seconded by Dr. Gill. Motion carried by acclamation.

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda:

- a. **25-04** MA in English Proposed Program Revisions
- b. **25-05** ENG 5800 Secondary ELA Methods (New Course)
- c. **25-06** ENG 5802 Integrating the English Language Arts in the Middle & Secondary Classroom (New Course)
- d. **25-07** CDS 5920 Audiology and Diversity for the Speech-Language Pathologist (Course Revision)

Motion to add agenda items 25-04 through 25-07 made by Dr. Allan, seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Motion approved by acclamation

4. Items to be Acted Upon:

- a. **25-03** Second Masters Study Plan Guideline Revision

Suggestion made by Dr. Allan to clarify wording in proposal bullet number 4 by adding "In consultation with first program's graduate coordinator..." Motion to approved agenda item 25-03 with insertion of additional verbiage made by Dr. Allan, seconded by Dr. Laingen. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. (8-0-0)

5. Items Pending: None

6. Other:

- a. **Graduate Program of Excellence Presentation:** Curriculum & Instruction, Dr. Dan Carter, Graduate Coordinator presented.

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):** Ms. Taylor reported GSAC will be meeting Friday, October 18. The Executive Committee has approximately seven to eight ideas for events and activities they are working on scheduling for the semester.
- b. **Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC):** No report
- c. **Textbook Rental Advisory:** Dr. Schaljo reported the first meeting of the Textbook Rental Advisory Committee will be held the week of October 21, 2024.

8. Dean's Report:

- a. Gender Question on Graduate School Applications:** Interim Dean Chesnut discussed the Admissions Office's request to align gender selection options on graduate school admission applications with those used by the Federal Department of Education. Dr. Chesnut noted challenges in aligning the options on international student applications due to the varying federal forms used. The Council agreed that the change should be implemented for domestic student applications, but that the change for international student applications should be deferred until the government's selections are more uniform.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dr. Gill. Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.