

Council on Graduate Studies Minutes November 12, 2024

The November 12, 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. Candra Chahyadi, Ms. Carrie Wennerdahl

Members Absent: Dr. Wesley Allan

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

Guests Present: Dr. Rebecca Throneburg, Chair, Communication Disorders and Sciences

1. Minutes

The minutes of the October 29, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Hearing no changes or objections, the minutes stand as written.

2. Communication

- a. CLAS Curriculum Committee Minutes October 2, 2024

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

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda:

- a. 25-08 Program Elimination of Master's Degree in Biochemistry & Biotechnology
- b. 25-09 Program Elimination of Mathematics Secondary Education

Motion to add agenda items 25-08 and 25-09 made by Dr. Laingen, seconded by Dr. Gill. Motion carried by acclamation.

4. Items to be Acted Upon:

- a. 25-07 CDS 5920 Audiology and Diversity for the Speech-Language Pathologist (Course Revision)

Dr. Rebecca Throneburg discussed agenda item 25-07. Motion to approved agenda item 25-07 CDS 5920 Audiology and Diversity for the Speech-Language Pathologist (Course Revision) made by Dr. Schaljo, seconded by Dr. Laingen. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. (8-0-0)

5. Items Pending: None

6. Other: None

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):** Myra Taylor reported GSAC held a "Haunted Scavenger Hunt" in the MLK Union at their last meeting, and will be volunteering at the Hour House on November 15 to aid in creating care bags for children whose lives have been affected by substance abuse.
- b. **Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC):** Dr. Lauri DeRuiter-Willems submitted a summary of the past two BCAC meetings.
- c. **Textbook Rental Advisory:** Dr. Schaljo was unable to attend the October 28, 2024, Textbook Rental Advisory Council meeting, but noted from the minutes that the student textbook fee will decrease now that the Textbook Rental Center building has been paid off. The council also discussed future access to electronic textbooks

8. Dean's Report:

- a. Syllabus Policy:** Interim Dean Chesnut shared a proposed change to the University syllabus policy which has been initiated by the VPAA.
- b. Diversifying Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Scholarship:** The DFI Scholarship process was historically managed by the Graduate School. When former Graduate School Dean Hendrickson transitioned to the role of Provost, responsibility for the scholarship shifted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Going forward, oversight of the DFI Scholarship will be provided by John Blue, Senior Diversity and Inclusion Officer in the Office of Belonging, Access, and Engagement.
- c. Update on Graduate School Dean Search:** Interim Dean Chesnut stated 21 applications had been received, with nine chosen for interviews. It is hoped the first round of interviews will be done by November 8th, 2024.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:16 p.m. made by Dr. Schaljo.