

Council on Graduate Studies

November 4, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. | 3108 Blair Hall

Attendance

Members Present: Dr. Beth Gill, Dr. Maranda Schaljo, Dr. Wesley Allan, Dr. Chris Laingen, Mr. Eric Senyo

Members Absent: Mr. Jeff Cranstoun, Dr. Toqeer Israr, Dr. Alexis Jones

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

1. Minutes

The minutes of the October 21, 2025, meeting were reviewed.

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

2. Communications

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

Approved by acclamation.

Items Approved:

- CLAS Curriculum Committee Minutes, September 17, 2025
- EA-26-CHHS-06: Z Section Creation for NTR Courses 4751 and 5610

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

Motion: Dr. Allan moved to add items 26-03 and 26-04 to the November 18, 2025, meeting agenda; motion seconded by Dr. Laingen. Approved by acclamation.

- 26-03: Revision to Nutrition & Dietetics Catalog Copy
- 26-04: Modifications to Certificate in Geographic Information Sciences

4. Items to be Acted Upon

None.

5. Items Pending

None.

6. Other

Dean Jacobs updated the Council regarding the Micro-Credentials and Stackable Certificates proposal. Dean Jacobs noted the addition of bullet points 6 and 8 under the microcredentialing section. She also shared she is working with the Registrar's Office to determine how digital badging would be implemented.

7. Committee Reports

a. Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC): Next meeting will be held on Friday, November 14, 2025.

b. Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC): The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

c. Textbook Rental Advisory Committee: Dr. Schaljo reported no official update and noted she was unsure when the study on outsourcing the bookstore and Textbook Rental will be completed.

8. Dean's Report

a. Graduate Fair Attendance and Participation: Dean Jacobs reported the Graduate Fair was well attended and exceeded participation numbers for the previous two years. She shared she is working on developing an online version of the Graduate Fair for students in fully online undergraduate majors. Ms. Taylor added the Union Ballroom has been reserved for next year's Graduate Fair.

b. 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) Update: Dean Jacobs reviewed the competition rules with the Council and noted the feedback she received in regards to having a 3MT competition was positive. Dean Jacobs and Ms. Taylor will begin working on logistics for hosting the competition during Research Day on April 22, 2026.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Laingen and seconded by Dr. Schaljo . The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Summary of Motions and Outcomes

| # | Motion | Mover | Seconder | Outcome |
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| 1 | Approve all Communication items | Dr. Allan | Dr. Schaljo | Approved by acclamation |
| 2 | Add 26-03 and 26-04 to the November 18, 2025 agenda | Dr. Allan | Dr. Laingen | Approved by acclamation |
| 3 | Motion to Adjourn | Dr. Schaljo | Dr. Jones | Approved by acclamation |