

# Council on Graduate Studies

January 27, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 3108 Blair Hall

## Attendance

Members Present: Dr. Maranda Schaljo, Dr. Wesley Allan, Mr. Jeff Cranstoun, Dr. Toqeer Israr, Dr. Alexis Jones, Dr. Chris Laingen, Mr. Eric Senyo

Members Absent: Dr. Elizabeth Gill

Guests: None

Staff Present: Dean Jacobs, Mr. Brad Bennington, Ms. Melanee Bates, Ms. Myra Taylor

## 1. Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Finding no errors or corrections, the minutes stand as written.

## 2. Communications

- a. **EA-26-CLAS-10:** Name Change for the MA Political Science with Online Option in Public Policy & Public Administration
- b. **EA-26-CHHS-11:** Create Z sections for NTR 4751 and NTR 5610
- c. **EA-26-LCBT-12:** Change Prerequisites for MBA 5000, 5010, 5500, 5550, 5640, 5660, 5670, and 5680 (pending approval of agenda item 26-27)
- d. **EA-26-GRAD-13:** Waiver Policy Revision for Clarification

Outcome:

Motion to accept Communication Items made by Dr. Allan; seconded by Dr. Jones.

Outcome: Motion carried.

## 3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a. **26-06 BIO 4842** Wildlife Management (Course Revision)
- b. **26-07 BIO 5632** Human Dimensions (New Course)
- c. **26-08 BIO 5633** Conservation Behavior (New Course)
- d. **26-09 HIS 4925** Social Studies Methods (Course Revision)
- e. **26-10 HIS 4955** History of the US Territories (New Course)
- f. **26-11** CDS Direct and Early Admit Catalog Language Revision
- g. **26-12 KSR 5050** Literature Review in KSR (Course Revision)
- h. **26-13 KSR 5055** Research Methods in KSR (Course Revision)
- i. **26-14 KSR 5130** Sport, Exercise & Performance Psych (Course Revision)
- j. **26-15 KSR 5250** ECG Analysis & Interpretation (Course Revision)
- k. **26-16 KSR 5260** Cardiopulmonary Exercise Physiology (Course Revision)
- l. **26-17 KSR 5280** Regulation of Exercise Metabolism & Body Composition (Course Revision)
- m. **26-18 KSR 5450** Advanced Exercise Programming and Leadership (Course Revision)
- n. **26-19 KSR 5640** GXT & ExRx for Apparently Healthy & Special Populations (Course Revision)
- o. **26-20 KSR 5655** Clinical Experiences in Cardia Rehab & Stress Testing (Course Revision)
- p. **26-21 KSR 5950** Thesis I (Course Revision)
- q. **26-22 KSR 5980** Internship in KSR
- r. **26-23 KSR 5990** Independent Study
- s. **26-24** Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation: Exercise Physiology Program Revision
- t. **26-25 SPE 5180** Intensive Behavioral Interventions (New Course)
- u. **26-26 SPE 5420** Applications of Differentiated Instruction in a Universally Designed Classroom
- v. **26-27 MBA 5002** Fundamentals of Graduate Business Study (New Course)

- w. 26-28 MBA Program Revision
- x. 26-29 CHE Counseling Program Revision

Motion: Dr. Jones; seconded by Dr. Allan. Motion carried by acclamation.

#### 4. Items to be Acted Upon

- a. **26-05** Proposal for Establishing Criteria for Micro-Credentials and Stackable Certificates

Motion: Dr. Allan; seconded by Dr. Jones. Motion carried (7-0-0).

#### 5. Items Pending

None

#### 6. Other

None

#### 7. Committee Reports

- a. **Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):** Ms. Taylor reviewed highlights from the GSAC meeting held on January 23 which were shared on the meeting’s agenda.
- b. **Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC):** Minutes were shared in the meeting packet. The Council had no questions or comments.
- c. **Textbook Rental Advisory Committee:** Dr. Schaljo reported no meeting was held.

#### 8. Dean’s Report

- a. Accelerated Programs’ GPA Requirement: Dean Jacobs will prepare a proposal to lower the cumulative GPA admission requirement from 3.25 to 3.0.
- b. Enrollment Trends Data from the Council of Graduate Schools: Trends indicate EIU will need to be especially innovative in recruiting students.  
Discussion: Online Programs for International Students Abroad: Dean Jacobs will explore feasibility and interest in offering fully online programs to international students abroad.
- c. CAA’s Proposed Guidance on HyFlex Modality: Courses 10 years old or newer may be approved via executive action; older courses require a course revision proposal.

#### 9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Israr and seconded by Dr. Jones. The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

#### Summary of Motions and Outcomes

#	Motion	Mover	Second	Outcome
1	Accept communication items	Allan	Jones	Carried
2	Add items 26-06 through 26-29 to agenda	Jones	Allan	Carried by acclamation
3	Approve 26-05 Micro-Credentials and Stackable Certificates	Allan	Jones	Carried 7-0-0
4	Adjourn meeting	Israr	Jones	Carried