

Council on Graduate Studies

November 18, 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 (joined at 2:09 p.m.), Mr. Jeff Cranstoun, Dr. Alexis Jones

Members Absent: Dr. Toqueer Israr

Guests: Dr. Julie Dietz

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

1. Minutes

Approval of November 4, 2025, meeting minutes: Dr. Jones noted that the motion and second to conclude the November 4, 2025 meeting were incorrectly documented. With that correction, the minutes will stand as written.

2. Communications

Motion: Dr. Schaljo moved to accept all communication items; seconded by Mr. Cranstoun.

Outcome: Approved by acclamation.

Items Approved:

- **EA-26-CLAS-07** CSM 4873: Change prerequisite and semester course is offered
- **EA-26-CLAS-08** CSM 4980: Change prerequisite and semester course is offered
- **EA-26-LCBT-09** Add hybrid and online modes of delivery to BAIS courses

3. Items to be Added to the Agenda

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

Motion: Dr. Laingen moved to add Item 26-05 to the January 27, 2026 agenda; seconded by Mr. Cranstoun. Approved by acclamation.

4. Items to be Acted Upon

26-03 Revision to Nutrition & Dietetics Catalog Copy

Dr. Dietz discussed the requested program revisions. Dr. Dietz requested the changes be made effective Spring 2026. The Council asked if it would be possible to remove "Coordinated Program" in the degree pathway titled "3+2 Pathway to MSDN: Coordinated Program." Dr. Dietz agreed. The pathway will now be referred to as "3+2 Pathway to MSDN."

Motion: Dr. Laingen moved to approve Item 26-03 with the requested revisions; seconded by Mr. Cranstoun. Motion approved (7-0-0).

26-04 Modifications to Certificate in Geographic Information Sciences

Dr. Laingen presented the proposed modifications. The Council recommended removing language under "Courses Applicable Toward a Specific Concurrent or Future Degree Program" which begins: "Courses in this program may be counted toward any Master's degree program at EIU..." Dr. Laingen concurred and will resubmit the proposal with the referenced paragraph removed.

Motion: Mr. Cranstoun moved to approve item 26-04 with the requested revision; seconded by Dr. Schaljo. Motion approved (7-0-0).

5. Items Pending

None.

6. Other

None.

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC):** Ms. Taylor reported that GSAC elected a new president, and the group hopes to investigate the possibility of staff-level parking passes for graduate assistants, review graduate assistant wages across programs, and work on revising the Council's constitution. The next meeting will be held in January.
- b. **Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee (BCAC):** No questions or comments were made regarding Dr. Kochigina's submitted report.
- c. **Textbook Rental Advisory Committee:** Dr. Schaljo noted that email surveys have been distributed regarding potential changes to the Textbook Rental Service.

8. Dean's Report

- a. **Department of Homeland Security (DHS) "Duration of Status" Proposal:** Dean Jacobs shared that DHS is proposing that international graduate students be limited to two years to complete their degrees (four years for undergraduates). Currently, students may receive an additional semester to address academic challenges. A national survey conducted by the National Council on Graduate Studies showed that 85% of international students would not choose to study in the United States if such a rule were implemented. Current international students would be grandfathered unless they leave the country. If they return, previous time spent in the U.S. would count toward the two-year limit.

Additional Updates (Not Included on Agenda)

- Notifications for Fall Research & Creative Activity Awards and Williams Travel Grants recipients will be distributed this week.
- The Interim Provost and Registrar are developing coding for HyFlex courses so that international students enrolled in HyFlex will have the course transcribed as face-to-face, ensuring compliance with federal limits on online coursework.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Jones; seconded by Mr. Cranstoun. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Summary of Motions and Outcomes

#	Motion	Mover	Seconder	Outcome
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