

Council on Graduate Studies

April 28, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 2116 Blair Hall

Attendance

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: Dr. Sam Szczur, Dr. Marjorie Worthington, Ms. Gail Turner-Brock, Dr. Melissa Jones-Bromenshenkel, Dr. Amy Davis

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

1) Minutes

The minutes stand as written

2) Communication

None

3) Items to be Added to the Agenda

Motion: Mr. Cranstoun moved to add and act upon items 26-64 through 26-68; seconded by Dr. Schaljo.

Outcome: Motion carried by acclamation. Items 26-64 through 26-68 moved to section 4: Items to be Acted Upon.

- 2. **26-64 ELE 4775** Language and Language Arts in Early Childhood
- 2. **26-65 ELE 4880** Diagnostic Reading
- 2. **26-66 CMN 5170** Seminar in Organizational Communication (CPL Course)
- 2. **26-67 Courses 4750–4999** Graduate Assignment Requirements
- 2. **26-68 CMN 4950** Workplace Relationships

4) Items to be Acted Upon

- 2. **26-61 ENG 4801** Integrating the English Language Arts in Middle and High Schools (Course Revision)
Changes requested: Learning Objectives should align with Model Syllabus entry number 6. Graduate Student Assessment should include more definitive graduate-level expectations.

Motion: Dr. Jones moved to approve with requested changes; seconded by Dr. Allan.

Outcome: Motion carried (8-0-0).

- 2. **26-62 CTE 4913** Organization of Administration of Work-Based Learning Education (Course Revision)
Change requested: Add asynchronous delivery to delivery methods. Part 1) 4.) “N/A” is inserted on the wrong line. Grading scale percentages need to be adjusted to eliminate overlap between D and F.

Motion: Mr. Cranstoun moved to approve with requested change; seconded by Dr. Laingen.

Outcome: Motion carried (8-0-0).

- 2. **26-63 CTE 4923** Work-Based Learning Techniques for Illinois Work-Based Learning Education (Course Revision)

Change requested: Add asynchronous delivery to delivery methods. Part 1) 4.) “N/A” is inserted on the wrong line. Grading scale percentages need to be adjusted to eliminate overlap between D and F.

Motion: Dr. Isar moved to approve, seconded by Dr. Jones

Outcome: Motion carried (8-0-0)

- 2. **26-64 ELE 4775** Language and Language Arts in Early Childhood

Motion: Dr. Schaljo moved to approve; seconded by Mr. Cranstoun.

Outcome: Motion carried (8-0-0).

- 2. **26-65 ELE 4880** Diagnostic Reading

Motion: Dr. Jones moved to approve; seconded by Dr. Israr.

Outcome: Motion carried (8-0-0).

- 2. **26-66 CMN 5170** Seminar in Organizational Communication (CPL Course)

Motion: Dr. Allan moved to approve; seconded by Dr. Schaljo.

Outcome: Motion carried (8-0-0).

- 2. **26-67 Courses 4750–4999** Graduate Assignment Requirements

Change requested: Remove the word 'additional' preceding 'presentation'.

Motion: Dr. Israr moved to approve with requested change; seconded by Mr. Cranstoun.

Outcome: Motion carried (8-0-0).

- 2. **26-68 CMN 4950** Workplace Relationships

Motion: Dr. Allan moved to approve; seconded by Dr. Jones.

Outcome: Motion carried (8-0-0).

5) Items Pending

- 2. None

6) Other

- 2. Elections for Chair were held. Dr. Schaljo named Chair for 2026-2027

7) Committee Reports

- 2. Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC): Ms. Taylor reported that the group elected the President and Vice President for 2026-2027. Current President, Ryan Butler, will retain the office, with Connor Mellott becoming Vice President.
- 2. Booth Collaborative Advisory Committee: No report.
- 2. Textbook Rental Advisory: No report.

8) Dean's Report

- 2. 3MT a success. The Dean shared nine students took part in the inaugural competition, with three being chosen as first through third place winners.
- 2. Graduate Expo (Research & Creative Activity Fair) & Awards Ceremony: The Expo had its highest number of poster entries in recent history with 64 students participating.
- 2. Thesis Submissions and ADA Compliance: Discussion was held on how to adapt the thesis submission process to the ADA Compliance regulations. The Dean shared work will begin on this issue to ensure the April 26, 2028 deadline is met.
- 2. Assessment volunteers for Fall 2026: Dr. Toqeer Israr and Dr. Beth Gill. The Dean expressed her gratitude to Dr. Israr and Dr. Gill for volunteering to review assessment reports in Fall 2026.
- 2. Thank you to departing members of CGS. The Council thanked Drs. Jones, Allan, Laingen, Israr and Messrs. Cranstoun and Senyo for their work during the academic year.

9) Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Schaljo moved to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Laingen. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Summary of Motions and Outcomes

#	Motion	Mover	Seconder	Outcome
1	Add items 26-64 through 26-68	Cranstoun	Schaljo	Acclamation
2	Approve 26-61 with changes	Jones	Allan	8-0-0
3	Approve 26-62 with changes	Cranstoun	Laingen	8-0-0
4	Approve 26-63 with changes	Israr	Jones	8-0-0
5	Approve 26-64	Schaljo	Cranstoun	8-0-0
6	Approve 26-65	Jones	Israr	8-0-0
7	Approve 26-66	Allan	Schaljo	8-0-0
8	Approve 26-67 with change	Israr	Cranstoun	8-0-0
9	Approve 26-68	Allan	Jones	8-0-0
10	Adjourn	Schaljo	Laingen	Acclamation