



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

November 5, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

OU Graduate College Conference Room, Robertson Hall 311

Guests: Contact Graduate Council secretary, [Elizabeth Irick](#), for information

MINUTES

All actions taken by the Graduate Council will have a twenty-one (21) day faculty protest period except for new courses, course changes, and petitions, which will be considered approved by the Graduate Faculty if no written protest is received in the Graduate College within seven (7) days.

Present: Randy Hewes, Liz Karr, Ioana Cionea, June Abbas, Loretta Bass, Chenkai Dai, Summer Edwards, Mike Engel, Sara Ernst, Madalina Furis, Caroline Lancaster, Doyle Phillips, Libby Ryan, Samer Shehata, Jenny Sperling, Doyle Yoon

Guests: Elizabeth Irick, Kim Mahre, Kristi Meyers, Stephanie Powers

Absent: Amit Baishya, Brenda Salgado, Radhika Santhanam

General Business

1. The council unanimously approved the minutes from the October 1, 2025, meeting.
2. All course modifications, proposals, and deletions (see last page) were unanimously approved.
3. All program modifications, proposals, and deletions were unanimously approved.
 - Gallogly College of Engineering
 - Biomedical Engineering, Ph.D-D.D.S dual program requirement change
 - College of Professional and Continuing Studies
 - OL International Relations, M.A. – program inactivation
4. Policy Modifications were unanimously approved.
 - 6.2.2.2 Academic Warning
 - Withdraw policy beyond the “Free Add and Drop Period” for those in academic warning
 - 6.2.2.3 Academic Enrollment Stop
 - Withdraw policy beyond the “Free Add and Drop Period” for those on a continuation plan after an academic enrollment stop

New Business (any matter not known about or that could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time the agenda was prepared)

1. Course EDWL 5553 was a late addition to the meeting agenda. Reviewed and unanimously approved.

The following course modifications and proposals have been approved by the Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Provost's Office for further approval after the seven (7) day protest period. Only brief information regarding approved changes follows; however, original course change proposals will be on file in the Graduate College through the seven-day protest period if you have questions or concerns about any of the following. Please contact the Graduate Council Secretary, Elizabeth Irick, at 405-325-3811, if you wish to review any of these materials.

AAI 5003. New course proposal.
AAI 5343. New course proposal.
ACS 5133. New course proposal.
AME 5223. Course change request.
BIOL 5933. Course change request.
C S 5043. Course change request.
C S 4413. Course change request.
C S 4513. Course change request.
CRJU 5013. Course change request.
DSA 4513. Course change request.
DSA 4413. Course change request.
FIN 5332. Course change request.
GIS 5003. Course change request.
ISE 5603. New course proposal.
JMC 5853. Course change request.
JMC 5123. Course change request.
PSY 6023. Course change request.
PSY 4023. Course change request.
EDWL 5553. Course change request.

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With no further business, the meeting adjourned as 3:16 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 3, 2025.

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The proposed changes to the Graduate Bulletin are highlighted in red and are planned to take effect for the Academic Year 2026/2027 when new withdrawal periods become effective.

6.2.2.2 ACADEMIC WARNING

The Graduate College will send an academic warning to a student whose graduate GPA for the term is less than 3.00.

A student who has received an academic warning is not in good academic standing. The student may return to good academic standing by earning a graduate GPA equal to or greater than 3.00 in the next term of enrollment.

After receiving an academic warning, the student may not withdraw from a course beyond the defined "Free Add and Drop Period" of the term (this period is based on course length, see <https://www.ou.edu/registrar/enrollment-services/add-or-drop>) without the approval of the graduate liaison and the graduate dean. When a withdrawal is permitted, the Graduate College graduate degree management specialist will work with the academic unit to obtain an academic success and support plan.

6.2.2.3 ACADEMIC ENROLLMENT STOP

The Graduate College will stop a student's enrollment (and cancel any future enrollments) if any of the following applies:

- The student's graduate GPA for the term is less than 3.00 and their record shows a graduate term GPA below 3.00 for one or more of the prior two terms of enrollment.
- The student receives a grade of *U* in two consecutive terms.
- The student receives two unsatisfactory term or annual evaluations from the academic unit.

The program's graduate liaison may recommend that the student be permitted to continue in the program. In order to recommend continuation, the graduate liaison must propose a plan to remedy the academic situation. The plan should:

- Identify strategies to mitigate or resolve any factors that are negatively impacting the student's academic progress, which may include mentorship and advising strategies to support the student's successful completion.
- Outline all criteria necessary for the student to be judged as making satisfactory progress toward the degree.
- Outline specific expectations for enrollment, grades, progress, and research/degree milestones in current and/or future term(s).
- Include input from the student's major professor and thesis/doctoral committee, if applicable.

The dean of the Graduate College will approve or disapprove the recommendation or investigate further.

Students permitted to stay in the program may not withdraw from a course beyond the "Free Add and Drop Period" of the term (this period is based on course length, see <https://www.ou.edu/registrar/enrollment-services/add-or-drop>) without the approval of the graduate liaison and the graduate dean. When a withdrawal is permitted, the Graduate College graduate degree management specialist will work with the academic unit to revise the previously approved academic success and support plan.