



**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 1, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**  
**OU Graduate College Conference Room, Robertson Hall 311**

**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, Amit Baishya, Loretta Bass, Chenkai Dai, Summer Edwards, Mike Engel, Sara Ernst, Madalina Furis, Libby Ryan, Radhika Santhanam, Samer Shehata, Jenny Sperling, Doyle Yoon

**Guests:** Karen Hennes, Elizabeth Irick, Kim Mahre, Kristi Meyers, Stephanie Powers

**Absent:** Caroline Lancaster, Doyle Phillips, Brenda Salgado

**General Business**

1. The council unanimously approved the minutes from the September 9, 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
    - Computer Science, PhD, program requirement change
    - Bioengineering, PhD/MD, program suspension request
  - Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
    - Creative Media Production, MFA in Media Arts, new program proposal
    - Creative Writing for Popular Media, MFA in Arts, program name/requirement change
4. Dean Karr led the discussion on Withdrawal Periods/Policy Actions.

**New Business/Discussion:**

1. Dean Hewes provided an update on proposed federal rule changes to “duration of status” for F visa status students and J visa status exchange visitors.

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.

CS 4413. Course change request.  
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CS 5033. Course change request.  
CS 5113. Course change request.  
CEES 5403. New course proposal.  
LA 5052. Course change request.  
LA 5513. Course change request.  
LA 5515. Course change request.  
LA 5525. Course change request.  
LA 5545. Course change request.  
LA 5713. Course change request.  
LA 5743. New course proposal.  
LA 5923. Course change request.  
MIT 6611. New course proposal.  
RCPL 5513. Course change request.  
RCPL 5263. Course change request.  
RCPL 5283. Course change request.  
RCPL 5293. Course change request.  
RCPL 5723. Course change request.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 5, 2025.

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