

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
December 6, 2023
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: Randall Hewes, Sherri Irvin, Elizabeth Butler, Ioana Cionea, Neil Houser, Allison Palmer, June Abbas, Brenda Salgado, Doyle Yoon, Nikko Casil, Ashtyn Davis, Samer Shehata.

Absent: Liz Karr (sabbatical), Jay Jayaram, Catalin Teodoriu, Amit Baishya, Bryce Lowery, Eric Lee, Jake Dyke.

Guests: Vibhuti Agrahari (HSC), Gregory Burge, Pallab Ghosh, Rusty Jones, Wayne Riggs, Shad Satterthwaite, Kristi Meyers, Stephanie Powers.

Description of General Business

The minutes from the November 1, 2023, council meeting were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

- Business – Commercial Space Applications Graduate Certificate - program name change was unanimously approved.
- Arts and Sciences - Econometrics M.A. - program proposal was unanimously approved.
- Arts and Sciences - Philosophy M.A. - program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- Arts and Sciences - Philosophy Ph.D. - program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

Members-at-large graduate faculty (RM3) appointments were approved for Dr. Sarah Tracy and Dr. Jeremy Bailey. Dean Hewes provided national benchmarking data and held a preliminary discussion on a possible policy change to permit doctoral degree programs with under 90 credit hours, and he invited comments and feedback from council members. A proposal to update the current minimum credit hour policy will be presented at the Graduate Council January meeting.

Reports

Dr. Vibhuti Agrahari, guest representative from the OU Health Sciences Center Graduate Council, reported that HSC has also been discussing possible changes to the minimum number

of hours in Ph.D. programs, as well as a possible increase to minimum stipends for graduate assistants.

No Council members volunteered to attend Faculty Senate and no report was provided.

Council members interested in volunteering should contact Francesca Giani.

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, Francesca Giani, at 405-325-3811, if you wish to review any of these materials.

ACCT 5222. New course proposal.
ACCT 5232. New course proposal.
ACCT 5242. New course proposal.
ACCT 5252. New course proposal.
ACCT 5262. New course proposal.
ACCT 5272. New course proposal.
ACCT 5282. New course proposal.
ACCT 5292. New course proposal.
ACCT. 5302. New course proposal.
BME. 5873. Description.
CEES. 5233. New course proposal.
CEES. 5243. New course proposal.
CRJU. 5013. Change in title, description.
CRJU. 5953. New course proposal.
FIN. 5492. New course proposal.
GEOG. 5123. Change in title, description, semester.
JMC. 5523. Change in status, title, prerequisites, description, slashlisting, schedule type, semester.
LSIS. 4623. New course proposal.
OL. 5903. Change in prerequisites.
OL. 5953. Change in prerequisites, contact hours.
P E. 5463. New course proposal.
P E. 5743. New course proposal.
SOC. 5373. New course proposal.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 17, 2024.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: December 8, 2023

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