

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2022
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, Sherri Irvin, Liz Karr, Jennifer Kisamore, Lakshmi Bhavani Uppaluri, Liz Butler, Ioana Cionea, Rebecca Cruise, Kalenda Eaton, Xun Ge, Trinity Hoff, Dean Hougen, Neil Houser, Jay Jayaram, Eric Lee, Bryce Lowery, Anirban Mondal, Chloe Noyori-Corbett, Allison Palmer, Catalin Teodoriu, Mike Wimberly

Absent: Doyle Yoon

Guests: Shannon Conley (HSC), Loretta Bass, Megan Denney, Francesca Giani, Kimberlee Mahre, Mitchell Peck, Stephanie Powers, Shivakumar Raman

Description of General Business

- Welcome to the new council members from Graduate Student Senate.
- The minutes from the September 7, 2022, council meeting were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Arts and Sciences – Applied Research and Program Evaluation graduate certificate program proposal was unanimously approved.
2. Arts and Sciences – Health and Exercise Science M.S. option name change was unanimously approved.
3. Engineering – Civil Engineering, accelerated B.S./M.S. program requirement change was tabled pending adjustments to the undergraduate portion of the accelerated degree.
4. Engineering – Architectural Engineering, accelerated B.S./Civil Engineering M.S. program requirement change was tabled pending adjustments to the undergraduate portion of the accelerated degree.
5. Engineering – Environmental Science, accelerated B.S./M.E.S. program requirement change was tabled pending adjustments to the undergraduate portion of the accelerated degree.
6. Engineering – Environmental Engineering, accelerated B.S./M.S. program requirement change was tabled pending adjustments to the undergraduate portion of the accelerated degree.
7. Engineering – Environmental Science, M.E.S., Hydrology and Water Security-OL concentration addition was unanimously approved.
8. Engineering – Environmental Science, M.E.S. program requirement change was unanimously approved.
9. Engineering – Industrial and Systems Engineering Ph.D. program requirement change was unanimously approved.
10. Graduate – Interdisciplinary M.A. option name change was unanimously approved.
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Discussion Items

- The member-at-large status appointment of Dr. Deonnie Moodie was unanimously approved.
- Dean Irvin briefed the council on a proposed summer enrollment policy change to relax the parameters under which students would be required to enroll in 5980 or 6980 in summer to only if they are defending their thesis/dissertation or having their degree conferred during the summer term. This proposed policy change was previously reviewed by both the Office of the Provost and the Office of Legal Counsel. The council voted unanimously to adopt this change.
- Dean Hewes requested volunteers to attend the HSC Graduate Council via Zoom. Interested council members should contact the Graduate Council Secretary to sign up and for Zoom information. Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month from noon – 1:00 PM.

Informational Item

- Jeffrey Harp, University Ombudsperson, gave a brief overview of his role as the new ombudsperson for the Norman, HSC, and Tulsa campuses. He can be contacted at ombuds@ou.edu and <http://ou.edu/ombuds>.

Reports

Dr. Shannon Conley from the OU Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the September 15, 2022, OUHSC Graduate Council meeting:

- There was a discussion of revisiting the 90-hour minimum required for Ph.D. programs and what peer institutions require as a minimum credit requirement for Ph.D. programs.

Dr. Dean Hougen, representative from Faculty Senate, gave the following report from the Faculty Senate:

- The Faculty Senate discussed a potential policy change to the undergraduate pre-finals week policy. They intend to vote on the change at their next meeting.

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 Graduate Council Secretary at 405-325-3811 if you wish to review any of these materials.

G E 6273. Change in course prerequisites, reactivating inactive course.

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GPY 4874. Change in course prerequisites, course description.

PHYS 5223. Change in course title, short title, course prerequisites, course description.

PHYS 5813. Change in course title, short title, course prerequisites, course description.

RCPL 5033. Change in course prerequisites, course restrictions, course description, semesters offered, add slashlisting.

SOC 5033. Change in course prerequisites, course restrictions, course description, add slashlisting.

RCPL 5513. Change in course prerequisites, course restrictions, course description, add slashlisting.

DSP 5673. New course proposal.

DSP 5773. New course proposal.

DSP 5873. New course proposal.
ISE 5773. New course proposal.
METR 5753. New course proposal.
P E 6293. New course proposal.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 2, 2022.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: October 7, 2022

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