

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2024
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, Liz Karr, Elizabeth Butler, Ioana Cionea, Neil Houser, June Abbas, Amit Baishya, Jay Jayaram, Samer Shehata, Eric Lee, Catalin Teodoriu, Doyle Yoon, Allison Palmer.

Absent: Brenda Salgado (excused), Ashtyn Davis (excused), Bryce Lowery.

Guests: Dimitrios Papavassiliou, Shannon Conley (HSC), Shawn Schaefer, Dan Hamlin, Kim Mahre, Kristi Meyers, Stephanie Powers.

Description of General Business

The minutes from the January 17, 2024, council meeting were unanimously approved following corrections to the meeting date (to 2024) and to remove an ex-council member (Nikko Casil) from the absentee list.

Program Modifications and Proposals

- Engineering - Bioprocessing graduate certificate - new certificate proposal was unanimously approved.
- Arts and Sciences - Criminal Justice M.S. - program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- Architecture - Urban Design M. U.D. - program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- Education – Education Administration Curriculum Supervision, Ed.D. – this program requirement change was unanimously approved. At the January 2024 meeting, this item was tabled to first consider the proposed update to Graduate Bulletin 8.2.1.

Discussion Items

The following update to the 90-credit hour minimum requirement for doctoral degrees (Graduate Bulletin 8.2.1) was discussed and unanimously approved.

The new text in the revised policy is shown in red font. Existing text to be deleted is shown red strikethrough.

“8.2.1 GRADUATE COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- A student should normally expect to spend at least the equivalent of three full academic years beyond the bachelor’s degree to obtain the doctoral degree. During this period the student will take appropriate graduate coursework, successfully complete the general examination, and successfully defend and submit the final dissertation.
- All coursework applied to the doctoral degree must carry graduate credit.
- The minimum number of hours required for each doctoral degree program is established by the academic unit offering the program and is subject to approval of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
 - ~~The doctoral degree requires at least 90 post-baccalaureate hours, including both formal coursework and hours of research.~~
 - ~~The minimum hour requirement for a specific doctoral degree program cannot be waived.~~
 - Proposed doctoral degrees requiring fewer than 90 post-baccalaureate hours (including both formal coursework and hours of research) require Provost’s Office and Graduate College approval, following review of the curriculum and projected institutional impacts.”

Reports

Dr. Shannon Conley, guest from OU Health Sciences, reported on their recent campus-wide stipend increase for all GRAs (from \$30,000 annually to \$36,000 annually), incentives for students applying for prestigious external fellowships, and discussions in the Graduate Council on credit hour requirements for doctoral degrees.

No Faculty Senate meeting was held in January and no report was therefore 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.

A HI 5773. New course proposal.

BME 5373. Change in prerequisites, slashlisting.

CH E 5203. Change in prerequisites, slashlisting.

CH E 5243. Change in prerequisites, slashlisting.

BME 5243. Change in prerequisites, description, slashlisting.

CH E 5373. Change in slashlisting.
CH E 5583. New course proposal.
ECE 5603. New course proposal.
EDEN 5923. New course proposal.
EDPC 5920. Change in status, title, prerequisites, restrictions, majors allowed, description, credit hours, contact hours.
EDSC 5513. Change in prerequisites, restrictions, description, semester.
EDUC 5023. New course proposal.
GEOG 5023. New course proposal.
GEOG 5033. New course proposal.
GEOL 5041. New course proposal.
GEOL 5061. New course proposal.
GEOL 5513. Change in prerequisites, description, semester.
GIS 5173. New course proposal.
GIS 5243. New course proposal.
GIS 5553. New course proposal.
I D 5123. Change in description, slashlisting.
I D 5253. New course proposal.
I D 5263. New course proposal.
I D 5273. New course proposal.
I D 5343. Change in description, slashlisting.
I D 5413. Change in description, slashlisting.
IAS 5113. Course deletion.
IAS 5233. Course deletion.
IAS 5363. Course deletion.
IAS 5373. Course deletion.
IAS 5393. Course deletion.
IAS 5443. Course deletion.
JMC 5843. Change in status, title, prerequisites, description, schedule type, semester
PE 5763. New course proposal.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 6, 2024.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: February 8, 2024

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