

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2021
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, Jim Sluss, Liz Karr, Jennifer Kisamore, Roksana Alavi, Kash Barker, Rebecca Cruise, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Kirsten Hextrum, Dean Hougen, Neil Houser, Eric Lee, Bryce Lowery, Chloe Noyori-Corbett, Allison Palmer, Ken Petersen, Catalin Teodoriu, Mike Wimberly, Doyle Yoon, Olawale Alo, and Ellie Weaver

Absent: Kalenda Eaton, Jeffrey Stout, and Rebecca Ulrich

Guests: Kimberlee Mahre, Stephanie Powers, Vibhuti Agrahari, Laku Chidambaram, Dipankar Ghosh, Calon-Nicole Gunter-Cox, Katie Watkins, and Wilfred Wu

Description of General Business

- The minutes from the November 3, 2021 council meeting were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Business – Master of Science, Management of Information Technology – new option addition was unanimously approved.
- 2a. Business – Executive MBA in Energy – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 2b. Business – Executive MBA in Energy – Hydrocarbons – new embedded certificate proposal was unanimously approved.
- 2c. Business – Executive MBA in Energy – Renewables – new embedded certificate proposal was unanimously approved.
3. Education – Master of Education, 21st Century Teaching and Learning – program deletion was unanimously approved.
4. International and Area Studies BA/Global Studies MA – accelerated program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

- Member at Large status faculty appointment for Dr. Marie Dallam was unanimously approved.
- Family/Medical GA Release
 - Dean Hewes and Associate Dean Karr presented a proposed policy to allow graduate assistants to receive releases from GA duties due to a documented family or medical event but continue to make academic progress (if feasible given their situation) and maintain their tuition waiver and health insurance. A motion to

approve the 4.3.2.3 Family and Medical Graduate Assistant Release policy as circulated was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.

- Academic standards for accelerated programs
 - Associate Dean Karr conducted an open discussion with respect to section 2.2.1.4 of the Graduate College bulletin, which covers the required minimum GPA for retention in the undergraduate portion of accelerated degree programs. The policy is not aligned with the minimum GPA requirements (updated in 2019) for stand-alone master's and doctoral programs. The Graduate College will work on a proposed update to section 2.2.1.4 to be discussed at a future Graduate Council meeting.

Reports

- Dr. Vibhuti Agrahari from OU Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the November 18, 2021 HSC Graduate Council meeting on discussions related to:
 - Graduate Faculty appointments
 - Health updates
 - Social activities
 - Series of seminars to launch in the Spring to focus on teamwork collaboration, career preparation, and leadership skills.
- Dr. Dean Hougen, representative from Faculty Senate, reported on issues with respect to minors on campus and continued discussions about potential impacts of the 1% fringe pool tax (to support the university strategic plan) on graduate programs.
- Dr. Jennifer Kisamore, Associate Dean of the Tulsa Graduate College, reported the Tulsa Campus will host the 3MT competition on January 18 in the Schusterman Library. First place will receive \$500. Second place and People's Choice will receive \$250.

Course Modifications, Proposals, and Deletions

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, Laurie Hurley, at 405-325-3106, if you wish to review any of these materials.

ANTH 5433. New course proposal.

ANTH 5513. Change in course title, short title, and course description.

ANTH 6223. New course proposal.

ANTH 6310. New course proposal.

CEES 5813. New course proposal.

EACS 5023. New course proposal.

EDS 5633. New course proposal.

EMBA 5021. Change in course title and short title.

EMBA 5022. Change in course title, short title, and course description.

EMBA 5131. Change in course title and short title.

EMBA 5141. Change in course title and short title.

EMBA 5191. Change in course title.

EMBA 5201. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5212. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5222. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5232. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5261. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5291. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5331. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5351. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5381. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5391. Change in course title and short title.
EMBA 5402. New course proposal.
EMBA 5412. New course proposal.
EMBA 5421. New course proposal.
EMBA 5431. New course proposal.
EMBA 5441. New course proposal.
EMBA 5451. New course proposal.
H R 5233. New course proposal.
H R 5363. Change in course title, short title, course prerequisites, restrictions, and description.
H R 5883. Change in course prerequisites.
JMC 5043. Change in course title and course prerequisites.
JMC 5853. Change in course title, short title, and course prerequisites.
LSAL 5153. Change in course description.
LSMS 5333. Change in course prerequisites and course description.
MBIO 5673. Change in course title, short title, and course description.
NAS 5533. Change in course title, short title, and course description.
P E 5553. Change in course prerequisites.
S WK 5023. Change in course prerequisites and restrictions.
S WK 5523. Change in course prerequisites and restrictions.
S WK 5723. New course proposal.
S WK 5733. Change in course description.
WGS 5633. New course proposal.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 19, 2022.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: December 3, 2021

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