

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 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, Kirsten Hextrum, Dean Hougren, Neil Houser, Eric Lee, Bryce Lowery, Chloe Noyori-Corbett, Allison Palmer, Ken Petersen, Mike Wimberly, Doyle Yoon, Olawale Alo, Jeffrey Stout, Rebecca Ulrich, and Ellie Weaver

Absent: Kalenda Eaton, Eugenia Fuenzalida, and Catalin Teodoriu

Guests: Hongwu Wang (HSC), Wei Chen, Lori Snyder, Bethany Burklund, Hjalti Sigmarsson, Jeffery Volz, Kristi Meyers, Kimberlee Mahre, and Stephanie Powers

Description of General Business

- The minutes from the September 1, 2021 council meeting were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Engineering – Biomedical Engineering – PhD program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Architecture – Construction Management – new graduate certificate was unanimously approved.
3. Graduate College – Earth Observation Science for Society and Sustainability – program suspension was unanimously approved.
4. College of Arts and Sciences – Cellular and Behavioral Neurobiology program requirement change was unanimously approved.
5. College of Arts and Sciences – Psychology, PhD program requirement change was unanimously approved.
6. Engineering – Telecommunications Engineering, MS program deletion was unanimously approved.

Information Item

- Service of graduate students on departmental committees
 - Dean Hewes discussed benefits of departmental representatives on Graduate Student Senate as well as graduate student representation on departmental committees.

Discussion Items

- Eight Member at Large graduate faculty appointments were unanimously approved.
- Tuition waiver policy

- Changes in the tuition waiver policy to include leveling coursework (when contained in offer of admission) and to allow up to one additional semester beyond the hours required for completion of the degree were unanimously approved.
- Lowering minimum credit hours for non-thesis master's degrees to 30
 - Change to 7.1.1 of the Graduate Bulletin to move non-thesis master's minimum credit hours from 32 to 30 was unanimously approved.

Reports

- Dr. Hongwu Wang from the Health Sciences Center provided an update on several items from the September HSC Graduate Council meeting.
- Dr. Dean Hougen, representative from Faculty Senate, reported on continued discussions surrounding COVID, upcoming insurance administrator change, and call for agenda items relating to grad students.
- Dr. Jennifer Kisamore, Associate Dean of the Tulsa Graduate College, reported on six OU-Tulsa students receiving the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship.

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.

ACCT 5583. Change in course prerequisites.

AME 5203. Course deletion.

ARCH 5161. Course addition.

BME 5203. Course deletion.

BME 5443. Course addition.

C S 5703. Course addition.

CH E 5203. Course deletion.

DSA 5703. Course addition.

ECE 5123. Course deletion.

ECE 5153. Course deletion.

ECE 5183. Course deletion.

LSCJ 5073. Course addition.

LSCJ 5083. Course addition.

LSCJ 5283. Change in course short title, course prerequisites, and course description.

LSIS 5483. Change in course title and short title.

TCOM 5123. Course deletion.

TCOM 5153. Course deletion.

TCOM 5183. Course deletion.

TCOM 5272. Course deletion.

TCOM 5533. Course deletion.

TCOM 5543. Course deletion.

TCOM 5553. Course deletion.

TCOM 5563. Course deletion.
TCOM 5583. Course deletion.
TCOM 5671. Course deletion.
TCOM 5682. Course deletion.
TCOM 5960. Course deletion.
TCOM 5970. Course deletion.
TCOM 5980. Course deletion.
TCOM 5990. Course deletion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 3, 2021.

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