

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
September 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, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Kirsten Hextrum, Dean Hougen, Neil Houser, Eric Lee, Bryce Lowery, Chloe Noyori-Corbett, Allison Palmer, Ken Petersen, Catalin Teodoriu, and Mike Wimberly

Absent: Rebecca Cruise, Kalenda Eaton, and Doyle Yoon

Guests: Vibhuti Agrahari (HSC), Somik Ghosh, Scott Harvey, Kristi Meyers, Kimberlee Mahre, and Stephanie Powers

Description of General Business

- Welcome to the new and returning council members.
- The membership for the Graduate Council standing committees was unanimously approved.
- The minutes from the May 5, 2021 council meeting were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Architecture, Construction Management MS program modification was unanimously approved.
2. Architecture, Resilient Planning, Design, and Construction graduate certificate program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Information Item

- Non-thesis master's degree
 - Dean Hewes discussed a review of the required (minimum) credit hours for a non-thesis master's degree. The Graduate College currently requires all non-thesis master's programs to be at least 32 hours. A comprehensive look at degree requirements among other institutions has been undertaken, and a majority have a minimum of 30 hours for non-thesis master's degrees. The Graduate College is working on a proposed update to this policy to be discussed at a future Graduate Council meeting.

Discussion Items

- A Member at Large status faculty appointment was unanimously approved.
- Remote participation policy
 - Dean Hewes presented the current provisional policy that permits remote participation by students and committee members in milestone events such as general exams, non-thesis exams, and thesis and dissertation defenses. The effects

of this policy change will be reviewed in Spring 2022 as we consider whether to adopt it on a more permanent basis.

- PhD Dual Degree
 - Dean Hewes presented a proposed policy for a planned Dentistry/Biomedical engineering DDS/PhD dual degree to allow enrolled students to utilize a percentage of shared credit (as is currently the case for dual master's degrees). A motion to adopt these changes was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.
- HSC Representative from Graduate Council
 - Dean Hewes asked for volunteers to attend the HSC Graduate Council meetings, which will be held via Zoom. Catalin Teodoriu and Eugenia Fuenzalida volunteered.

Reports

- Dr. Vibhuti Agrahari from the Health Sciences Center provided an update on a number of items from the August 19, 2021 HSC Graduate Council meeting.
- Dr. Dean Hougen, representative from Faculty Senate, reported on recent discussions that have been focused on COVID responses.
- Dr. James Sluss, Dean of the Tulsa Graduate College, discussed a recent visit of Provost André Wright to the Tulsa campus. Dr. Jennifer Kisamore, Associate Dean of the Tulsa Graduate College, reported the approval of the Organizational and Communication Leadership PhD program over summer. There are currently 5 new students in the program with more working on applications for spring.

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.

CHEM 4232. Change in course graduate credit and crosslisted.

EDMA 6163. Change in course prerequisites and restrictions.

EIPT 5693. Change in course prerequisites and restrictions.

LIS 5633. Change in course title, short title, and course description.

MIT 5302. Change in course number, course prerequisite, credit hours, and contact hours.

MIT 5672. Change in course title, short title, course prerequisite, and course description.

MIT 5692. Change in course title, short title, course prerequisite, and course description.

MULI 4543. Change in course prerequisite, course description, and graduate credit.

CEES 5663. Course addition.

GEOG 5753. Course addition.

RCPL 5753. Course addition.

H R 5263. Course addition.

IAS 5023. Course addition.

IAS 5073. Course addition.

IAS 5093. Course addition.

IAS 5233. Course addition.
IAS 5393. Course addition.
IAS 5513. Course addition.
IAS 5533. Course addition.
IAS 5543. Course addition.
IAS 5643. Course addition.
ISE 5693. Course addition.
LSIS 5433. Course addition.
MULI 5552. Course addition.
EPHY 4232. Course deletion.
MUHI 5960. Course deletion.
MUHI 5970. Course deletion.
MUHI 5980. Course deletion.
MUHI 5990. Course deletion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 6, 2021.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: September 3, 2021.

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