

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
November 7, 2012 MINUTES
Zarrow Hall, J.J. Rhyne Community Room**

AMENDED

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: Lee Williams, William Ray (via videolink), Janis Paul, John Baur, Sally Beach, Dan Cottom, Anthony Cricchio, Brian Fiedler, Phillip Gutierrez, Joseph Havlicek, Michael Kent, Robert Lipe, Nina Livesey, Rosalee Maffitt, James Maner, David Moxley, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Paul Spicer, Irvin Wagner, Barry Weaver.

Absent: Priscilla Griffith, Jennifer Hartsell

Guests: Gina Amundson, Lawrence Baines, Cecelia Brown, Lowell Busenitz, Robert Dauffenbach, Beverley Greenwood-Van Meerveld, Andrew MacKenzie, Deborah Marsh, Amy McGovern, Francesca Sawaya, Michael Scaperlanda, Aondover Tarhule.

Description of General Business

- The minutes from October 2, 2012 were approved.

Law Programs

- Dean Williams gave a brief report on trends in legal education. Professor Scaperlanda briefed the council on the existing Master of Laws program and the proposed Master of Legal Studies (for non-lawyers) and law certificates.
- The Master of Legal Studies proposal was endorsed by unanimous vote.
- The Energy Law Certificate embedded in JD proposal was endorsed by unanimous vote.
- The American Indian Law Certificate embedded in JD proposal was endorsed by unanimous vote.
- The Certificate in Law and Entrepreneurship embedded in JD proposal was endorsed by unanimous vote.
- The Natural Resources Law Certificate embedded in JD proposal was endorsed by unanimous vote.
- Dean Williams spoke about a change in interpretation of policy which will allow for the application of law courses and/or programs to research degrees.

Program Modifications and New Programs

- The English M.A. program modification was approved by unanimous vote.
- The English Ph.D. program modification was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Entrepreneurship Certificate proposal was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Environmental Sustainability M.S. proposal was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum Ph.D. program modification was approved by unanimous vote.

- The Master of Library and Information Studies program modification was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Professional MBA option addition was approved by unanimous vote.

Deleted Program

- The Library and Information Studies Certificate was deleted.

Subcommittee Reports

- Dr. Kent provided the following report on the October APR meetings:
 - The APR is divided into two groups. We all had an orientation meeting covering what we'd do (review programs), and then met with the Law School-- as my group's first assessment department. We took some notes, asked questions, etc.
- Dr. Griffith provided the following report on the October 8, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting:
 - Presentations from Professor Ghislain D'Humieres, Director of the Fred Jones, Jr. Museum of Art and Jessica Farling, Coordinator of Academic Programs for the museum; Dean of University Libraries, Rick Luce; and Human Resources Director, Julius Hilburn and Assistant Director, Nick Kelly.
 - Professor D'Humieres indicated September had been an exciting month with the opening of the Bialac collection. More information about this exhibition is available at <http://www.ou.edu/content/fjjma/experience/exhibitions/currentExhibition/Bialac.html>. This semester the museum is focused on Native American Art. A calendar of exhibits was handed out, and it is also available in the museum's e-newsletter and on its website. Ed Ruscha is a famous Oklahoma artist who now lives in California. He has no paintings in any Oklahoma public museums. The Museum of Art recently began a fundraising campaign to purchase the painting he has on loan to the museum, No Man's Land. Ms. Farling spoke about the formulation of a Faculty Advisory Board for the museum, with about 17 members. This board will meet once per semester, and each college should be represented. Information about this board soon will be posted on the museum website.
 - Dean Luce addressed the Faculty Senate on the topic of open access journals. Dean Luce stated that OA is online, free access to journals and publications without most copyright or licensing restrictions. It can be compatible with copyright protections, but unlike traditional scholarly literature, the subscription access barrier is removed. OA is building a collection of openly available literature and using technology to serve it. Dean Luce noted that citation rates are higher for OA articles, so the author benefits from greater visibility and impact, while readers benefit from greater access. Additionally, teachers and students can access key resources, even at the high school level. Universities benefit from greater visibility of their faculty's research work. Dean Luce stated that he wants to engage today and in the future with faculty to move forward in this area. This topic inspired more dialogue among Faculty Senate members than most other topics in my experience attending FS meetings.
 - HR Director Julius Hilburn gave an update on the upcoming annual benefits enrollment. He remarked how competitive OU is on its benefits. Mr. Kelly spoke briefly about difficulty getting approval for alternative therapies.
 - Sonya Fallgatter, who has been the administrative coordinator of the Faculty Senate for 28 years, will retire January 1, 2013. The retirement reception for Ms.

Fallgatter will be Friday, November 30, 2012 in Beaird Lounge from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Complete Faculty Senate minutes, including the Senate Chair's Report (Professor Michael Bemben) are available at <http://www.ou.edu/admin/facsen/minutes/1012jrn.pdf>
- Dr. Griffith provided the following report on the October 18, 2012 OUHSC Graduate Council meeting:
 - This meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes. The Council conducted routine business, primarily approving recommendation from the Curriculum Review and Graduate Faculty Appointment committees.

Course Changes

The following course changes and proposals have been unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Academic Programs Council 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, Stephanie Powers, at 325-4706 if you wish to review any of these materials.

AME 5493. Change prerequisite.
ANTH 5053. Change prerequisite.
ECE 5063. Change prerequisite.
EDEC 6403. Course addition.
GEOG 5200. Course addition.
GEOG 5513. Course addition.
GPHY 6873. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change description.
LIS 5023. Change prerequisite.
METR 6613. Change prerequisite.
MUTE 5283. Course deletion.
MUTE 5382. Course addition.
MUTE 5392. Course addition.
P E 5543. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 4, 2012.

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http://www.ou.edu/content/gradweb/aud/faculty/graduate_council.html