

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
May 1, 2013 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, Janis Paul, John Baur, Sally Beach, Dan Cottom, Anthony Cricchio, Brian Fiedler, Phillip Gutierrez, Joseph Havlicek, Eric Heinze, Michael Kent, Robert Lipe, Nina Livesey, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Paul Spicer, Irvin Wagner

Absent: William Ray, Dan Cottom, Priscilla Griffith, Rosalee Maffitt, David Moxley, James Maner, Barry Weaver

Guests: Jill Irvine, Penny Pasque, Amy Smith, John Quyen Wickham

Description of General Business

- The minutes from April 2, 2013 were approved.

Program Modifications and Deletions

- The Drama MFA program suspension was approved by unanimous vote.
- The English Ph.D. program requirement change was approved by a ten to one vote.
- The Instructional Psychology and Technology M.Ed. area of concentration deletion and requirement changes were approved by unanimous vote. One member abstained from the vote.
- The Instructional Psychology and Technology Ph.D. program requirement change was approved by a ten to one vote.
- The Management Information Systems M.S. program requirement change was approved by a ten to one vote.
- The Special Education Ph.D. program requirement change was approved by unanimous vote. One member abstained from the vote.

Discussion Items

- Dean Williams presented an updated policy statement regarding dissertations that are collections of papers and articles when the student is quite 'down the line' from the first author, followed by discussion from the council. The council discussed how this information could be effectively disseminated to departments and committee members.
- The council discussed making a change to the 25% or 12 hour transfer credit rule. Dean Williams will suggest specific language for the Graduate College Bulletin and the council members will vote on the suggested language at the next meeting of the council.
- Dean Williams discussed making a change in language to the Graduate College Bulletin regarding the graduate faculty status of master's committee chairs, specifically that master's committee chairs must be appointed to M2 status in the student's home department, as doctoral committee chairs must be appointed to M3 status in the student's

home department. The council will vote on the suggested change at the next meeting of the council.

Subcommittee Reports

- Dr. Fiedler provided the following report on the April 18, 2013 HSC Graduate Council meeting:
 1. The item of substance was a presentation about the OUHSC Behavioral Intervention Team:
 - <http://ouhsc.edu/bit.aspx>Many of the features are very similar to what faculty are familiar with on the Norman campus at:
 - <http://www.ou.edu/normanbit/>Here are some items that came out of the discussion, but which may not be widely known:
 - The BIT records compiled about an individual are potentially viewable by the individual if they are "supeanaed". This apparently means the individual would need to "get a lawyer" to be able to view the reports that have been filed. The individual could then see the names of who filed the reports.
 - Faculty, staff and students may feel reluctant to file reports, fearing they could be targeted for reprisal by the cited individual.
 - Possibly courageous Department Chairs may need to step in and be the official citer.
 - It is unclear whether OUHSC has obligations to warn future employers and institutions about a troublesome BIT record.
 2. A lesser item of discussion was the mechanism by which Graduate Council issues are communicated back to home departments. Not all departments are represented on the Graduate Council. (OU Norman may be in a similar predicament.)
- Dr. Griffith provided the following report on the April 8, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting:
 - Faculty Senate received final draft of proposed Incomplete 'I' Grade Change Policy. This new policy will be voted on at May 2013 meeting.
 - Approved revisions to the Faculty Appeals Process.
- Dr. Griffith provided the following report on the March 11, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting:
 - Revisions to the Faculty Appeals Process presented by Anil Gollahalli, OU General Counsel, and Kurt Ockershauser, Associate Legal Council. Revisions were approved at the April meeting.
 - Mark Morvant, Executive Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, described various programs and services available through the Center.
 - Approved by unanimous vote apportionment of the Faculty Senate for 2013-16 as recommended by Ad Hoc reapportionment Committee.
- Dr. Griffith provided the following report on the February 11, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting:

- Loretta Early, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, addressed the availability of secure data storage at OU, especially as it relates to HIPPA/FERPA data. Laura Palk, Institutional Equity and Title IX Coordinator, addressed Faculty Senate regarding required gender discrimination training. Details for both talks are available in the Faculty Senate Journal of Feb. 2013.

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.

ECE 5980. Change prerequisite.
ECE 6613. Change prerequisite.
ECE 6950. Change prerequisite.
ECE 6980. Change prerequisite.
FIN 5332. Change prerequisite.
FIN 5362. Change prerequisite.
FIN 5613. Change prerequisite.
GIS 5923. Course addition.
GPHY 6874. Change title.
MBIO 5883. Course addition.
PBIO 5883. Course addition.
PHYS 5001. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 4, 2013.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: May 2, 2013

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