

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
June 4, 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: William Ray, Janis Paul, Dan Cottom, Anthony Cricchio, Brian Fiedler, Priscilla Griffith, Phillip Gutierrez, Joseph Havlicek, Robert Lipe, David Moxley, Paul Spicer, Irvin Wagner

Absent: Lee Williams, John Baur, Sally Beach, Eric Heinze, Michael Kent, Nina Livesey, Rosalee Maffitt, James Maner, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Barry Weaver

Guests: Hans Butzer, Lee Fithian, Penny Pasque, Margaret Phillips, Charles Warnken, John Quyen Wickham

Description of General Business

- The minutes from May 1, 2013 were approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

- The Adult & Higher Education M.Ed. area of concentration addition was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Architecture 2 year program (M.Arch.) program requirement change was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Architecture 3 year program (M.Arch.) program requirement change was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Architecture M.S. new program proposal was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Computer Science M.S. program requirement change was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Computer Science M.S./Computer Engineering B.S. Accelerated program requirement change was approved by unanimous vote.
- The French Ph.D. program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The German M.A. program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The Human Relations (M.H.R.) area of concentration deletion was unanimously approved.
- The Political Science Ph.D. program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The Public Administration (M.P.A.)/Public Affairs & Administration or Political Science B.A. addition of accelerated dual degree program was unanimously approved.
- The Spanish Ph.D. program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- The Graduate Council voted ten to one to approve a change the current 25% transfer credit rule for master's degrees in the Graduate College Bulletin. Master's students will now be able to bring in a total of 12 hours from outside the degree program (transfer credit hours,

hours taken as an unclassified student, or a combination of both), rather than 25% of the total number of hours required for the degree program.

- The Graduate Council voted unanimously to approve a change to the Graduate College Bulletin regarding the graduate faculty status of master's committee chairs. Master's committee chairs must hold M1 graduate faculty status in the student's home department. This change is in line with the current policy that doctoral committee chairs must hold M3 graduate faculty status in the student's home department.

Subcommittee Reports

- Dr. Fiedler provided the following report on the April 18, 2013 HSC Graduate Council meeting:
 1. New tradition, lunch is being served. Attendance appeared to be quite large as compared to recent occasions.
 2. Courses approved. Graduate Faculty appointments approved.
 3. Minors on campus. For example minors in a summer camp situation. All OU employees having some sort of interaction with the minors must have a background check from OSBI. For faculty, the check must have occurred no more than one year prior, for graduate students 6 months prior. The point was made that this new rule is thanks to certain high profile case at Penn State. Some faculty were doubtful that these background checks would reveal any HSC employees as sex offenders, and would not have helped at Penn State.
 4. Motion something like "All didactic courses must allow for student evaluations" was approved. Unlike Norman, there apparently is no requirement currently at HSC. The sentiment is not to adopt the Norman exception of "unless the number of students is less than 5". (Which the Norman representative claimed existed, which might not be the case).
 5. A new HSC rule is that all students must sign release forms for any "high risk" or "moderate risk" event. An example for a "moderate risk" event is a trip by an official graduate student group to a restaurant that serves alcohol. Some sentiment was expressed that enforcement of this rule might be met with derision.
 6. It was announced that the Norman campus has allegedly hired a "social media specialist", for aiding purposes such a faculty wanting to use twitter or Facebook in a course. HSC will apparently do the same.
- Dr. Griffith provided the following report on the May 6, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting:
 - The May 6 meeting was the last Faculty Senate meeting for the year.
 - Joe Castiglione addressed the faculty about student athletics and emphasized several points. First. He affirmed the commitment to academic excellence: 2/3 of student athletes were names a Sooner Scholar (gpa of 3.0); average gpa is 3.3; focus on graduation rate which is predicted to increase this year; summer academy to get new athletes acclimated to the campus including social and coping skills as well as academic rigor. Second, the athletics program is totally self-sustaining, only one of about 5 or 6 in the nation; contributes approximately \$8,000,000 a year to the academic side of campus. Third, this year was the best athletic year overall. Fourth, new athletic dorm scheduled to open August 1. Finally, comment about conference realignment--not sure if we are finished with it.

- Kelvin Droegemeier addressed the faculty senate about impact of sequestration on research. Lion share touches defense and NIH and NSF, which are what OU relies on the most; 80% of OU's research budget is federal emphasis is on diversifying funding sources.
- Bradley Burnett spoke on the impact of sequestration on student financial aid; Pell is protected; money to resident students should be okay.
- Final address was from Les Hoven, new Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer. The OU wellness programs are designed to manage the number of medical claims filed.

Course Changes

The following course was tabled for clarification:

EDPY 5493. Course addition.

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.

ARCH 5022. Change prerequisite.

ARCH 5055. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change description.

ARCH 5133. Course addition.

ARCH 5143. Course addition.

ARCH 5233. Course addition.

ARCH 5333. Course addition.

ARCH 5516. Change prerequisite. Change description.

ARCH 5523. Course addition.

ARCH 5526. Change prerequisite. Change description. Change semester.

ARCH 5536. Change prerequisite. Change description.

ARCH 5623. Course addition.

ARCH 5723. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change description. Change semester.

ARCH 5823. Course addition.

ARCH 5922. Change prerequisite.

ARCH 5955. Change prerequisite.

ARCH 6156. Change prerequisite. Change description. Change semester.

EDAH 5813. Course addition.

EDAH 5823. Course addition.

EDAH 5833. Course addition.

EDAH 5843. Course addition.

EDAH 5853. Course addition.

EDAH 5863. Course addition.

EDRG 5813. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change description. Change semester.

EDRG 5933. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change description. Change semester.

EDSP 3890. Course deletion.

EDSP 4413. Course deletion.

EDSP 4623. Course deletion.
EDSP 5153. Course deletion.
EDSP 5173. Course deletion.
EDSP 6113. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change description.
EIPT 6033. Course deletion.
ENT 5941. Course addition.
ENT 5951. Course addition.
MIS 5980. Course addition.
S WK 5733. Change title.
SPAN 1013. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 4, 2013.

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