

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
October 2, 2013 MINUTES  
Robertson Hall, Room 311**

**Present:** Lee Williams, Janis Paul, Frances Ayres, Joshua Barr, Sally Beach, Dan Cottom, Anthony Cricchio, Phillip Gutierrez, Eric Heinze, Saif Imtiaz, Linda Kelly, Tohren Kibbey, William Ray, Irvin Wagner, Kendra Williams-Diehm, Todd Wuestewald

**Absent:** Brian Fiedler, Farashteh Hamidi, Nina Livesey, David Moxley, Stephanie Powers, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Robert Terry, Jacob Vidourek, Barry Weaver

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from September 4, 2013 were approved.

**Course Modifications**

- MUTE 5390—Women’s Chorus
  - There was discussion about the wording in the course description, “Membership is open through audition to female students in any degree program at OU.” The question was raised as to whether the chorus is open to transgender students. Yes, if the vocal range is there as determined by an audition. The vote was unanimous to approve pending the change in terminology from “female students” to “students”.

**New Programs and Program Modifications**

- Applied Behavior Analysis Graduate Certificate
  - Dr. Kendra Williams-Diehm highlighted various aspects of the certificate—it is a partnership with the Health Sciences Center, where students take three courses on the Norman campus and three on the HSC campus; time to complete this certificate is 18-24 months.  
Dean Williams gave general details about graduate certificates—students may pursue a graduate certificate without being enrolled in a graduate degree program; the number of hours required for a certificate is normally 12-18.
  - The proposal, having already been approved and sent forward by the Course and Programs Subcommittee, was unanimously approved.
  
- Secondary Transition Education Specialist Certificate
  - Dr. Williams-Diehm said the certificate is targeted at those who are teaching students with special needs.
  - The proposal, having already been approved and sent forward by the Course and Programs Subcommittee, was unanimously approved.
  - Dr. Williams-Diehm talked about the Ed Psych program—the graduate program is growing; online courses are being offered; 99% of the master’s students are from Oklahoma.

- Geology M.S.
  - The core course hours were decreased by 6, and the elective course hours were increased by 6, to 9 and 17 respectively. There is no change to the total hours required. There was a unanimous vote to approve the curriculum change.

### **FYI Item**

- The name of the Bioengineering M.S. and Ph.D. programs was changed to Biomedical Engineering M.S. and Ph.D.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Dr. Gutierrez reported that the Academic Program Review committee will meet on October 3, 2013.
- Dr. Ayers reported that the Faculty Senate met on September 9. There were a number of announcements. Robert Kelly discussed the new online promotion and tenure system that is now being used throughout the Norman campus. Reference materials are available on the Provost's website. Al Schwarzkopf and Bruce Mason presented a resolution regarding automated student response systems. The goal is to come up with a single system for the entire Norman campus.
- Dean Williams talked about the HSC Interliaison—the HSC has their own Graduate Council; the campuses collaborate because some students take classes on both campuses; a student needs to have minimal barriers to accomplish this. Dr. Kevin Farmer reported that HSC is in their 2<sup>nd</sup> round of an academic program review. They are working on graduate faculty application forms to streamline the various levels an applicant applies for. Dean Williams discussed how this differs from the Norman campus, where each academic discipline delegates the faculty status level. Dr. Farmer reported that the HSC is currently challenged with how to fund TAs.

Dean Paul introduced the new student members of the Council.

### **Discussion Items**

- Advanced Programs Update
  - Dean Williams reported on the numbers of students and sites in the program; the largest degree programs are HR and IR; OU won back the Education program from the University of Phoenix. Dr. Beach talked about her experience teaching in AP—students are very devoted to the intense format, and they bring a wealth of experience to the program. Dean Williams said students are becoming savvier, asking about placement rates and times to complete.
- Liberal Studies
  - Liberal Studies is focusing on demographics. How do we deliver, and who do we deliver to? How are we flexible and adaptable while keeping core standards and values?

Dr. Paul asked for committee volunteers to work on Dean Williams' evaluation. The Council needs to prepare the results to send to the Provost.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 6, 2013.