

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2014 MINUTES
Robertson Hall, Room 311**

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 videoconference), Janis Paul, Frances Ayres, Sally Beach, Dan Cottom, Anthony Cricchio, Brian Fiedler, Phillip Gutierrez, Tohren Kibbey, David Moxley, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Katerina Tsetsura, Jacob Vidourek, Irvin Wagner, Todd Wuestewald

Absent: Joshua Barr, Fareshteh Hamidi, Eric Heinze, Saif Intiaz, Robert Terry, Barry Weaver

Guests: Carol Dionne, Barbara Greene, Dawn Jourdan, Amy Piper, Charles Warnken

Description of General Business

- The minutes from December 4, 2013 were approved.

Program Proposals and Modifications

- The proposed **Applications of Educational Research and Evaluation Graduate Certificate** was approved by unanimous vote. This is a certificate that will be useful for anyone conducting funded research that has an outreach component. An outreach component is fairly standard in NSF grants and many engineering grants. Doctoral students working in these areas would benefit from having this certificate in addition to the content of their degrees. Additionally, students in IPT are often looking for opportunities to use their degrees for applied research.
- The **Industrial Engineering Accelerated B.S./M.S.** program requirement change was approved by unanimous vote. The accelerated MS ISE degree was not appropriately specified to satisfy the requirements of the MS ISE degree. To align the requirements, we replaced the 8th semester ISE elective with an MS ISE core requirement, ISE 5033. We also changed the specification of 3 ISE electives (semesters 9 and 10) to be general enough to accommodate our policy of allowing 9 hours to be completed outside of the major.
- The **Regional & City Planning M.R.C.P.** program requirement change was approved by unanimous vote. The Division of Regional and City Planning undertook this curriculum revision in response to strategic planning efforts which revealed shifts in the profession as well as a modification of core capabilities as a result of new faculty hires. These modifications have also been made in response to modification of the Planning Accreditation Board's standards.

Academic Appeal

The Council considered an appeal of an Academic Appeals Board decision upholding a student's dismissal from a graduate program, and voted to affirm the Academic Appeal Board's decision. The faculty involved in the original Academic Appeal Board hearing recused themselves from the discussion and vote.

Discussion Items

- The Council discussed the dean's evaluation results and the final evaluation letter will be forwarded to the Provost.

Subcommittee Reports

- Dr. Ayres provided the following report on the December 9, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting:
 - The Faculty Senate voted to approve the proposed reapportionment of the Research Council. The charges and rationale are available here: <http://facultysenate.ou.edu/agenda.pdf>
- Dr. Fiedler provided the following report on the December 19, 2013 HSC Graduate Council meeting:
 - Jane Phippen-Bowers in last meeting as Associate Dean of the Graduate College, she is moving up to Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs. Cake for Jane!
 - November minutes approved!
 - GC syllabus template on hold until APC approves. (Standard syllabus will help with new course approval, so APC input is appropriate).
 - Standard course evaluation "question bank" is in progress.
 - GC faculty appointments announced and approved.
 - Faculty senate: "nothing to announce".
 - Peoplesoft is used for all record keeping of graduate students at HSC. (Did I hear this correctly? Is this different from Norman's database for graduate students?)
 - Will be an all-Graduate-College convocation this year, (Saturday after Norman Commencement). This is new.

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.

A HI 5643. Course addition.
A HI 5693. Course addition.
A HI 5911. Course addition.
A HI 5912. Course addition.
B AD 4363. Course addition.
BIOL 5880. Course deletion.
BIOL 5910. Course deletion.
BIOL 5933. Course addition.
EDSC 5533. Course addition.
MBIO 5064. Course addition.
METR 5543. Course addition.
MIS 4363. Course addition.

MUTE 5390. Course addition.

PBIO 5064. Course addition.

PBIO 5723. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change semester.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 5, 2014.

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