

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
February 5, 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:** William Ray (via videoconference), Janis Paul, Sally Beach, Dan Cottom, Anthony Cricchio, Brian Fiedler, Phillip Gutierrez, Tohren Kibbey, David Moxley, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Robert Terry, Katerina Tsetsura, Jacob Vidourek

**Absent:** Lee Williams, Frances Ayres, Joshua Barr, Fareshteh Hamidi, Eric Heinze, Saif Imtiaz, Irvin Wagner, Barry Weaver, Todd Wuestewald

**Guests:** Francene Weatherby

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from January 15, 2014 were approved.

**Discussion Items**

- The Graduate Council discussed the possibility of striking the undergraduate GPA for retention purposes. The Graduate College currently calculates three different GPAs for retention purposes (page 35 of the Graduate College Bulletin): graduate GPA, undergraduate GPA (if any), and overall GPA.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- Dr. Gutierrez provided the following APR report:
  - As stated earlier the committee is divided into two subcommittees. The programs being reviewed by the subcommittee on which I sit are:
    - Political Science;
    - Film and Media Studies;
    - Modern Languages, Literature and Linguistics;
    - African and African-American Studies;
    - Political Sciences is the furthest along in the process. The committee has reviewed their self-evaluation, has met with the external reviewers, and has met with the department incoming chair and Committee A. The following are issues that maybe of interest to the graduate council:
      - It has been remarked by both the external reviewers and the department itself that there GA stipends are low relative to their peer programs.
      - It was stated by the department that they did not have adequate funds for graduate recruiting.
      - Next furthest through the process is Film and Media Studies, where the self-evaluation and meeting with the external reviewers has been completed. The APR committee will meet with department representatives will occur next week. The following are issues that maybe of interest to the graduate council:

- This program has formed a committee to examine the possibility of creating a graduate program.
  - The review of the self-evaluation provided by Modern Languages, Literature and Linguistics has been completed. A meeting with the external reviewers will occur later this month.
- Dr. Fiedler provided the following report from the January 16, 2014 meeting of the OUHSC Graduate Council:
  - Graduate faculty appointments approved
  - More about the standardized graduate college syllabi templates. There will be standard "statements" (academic misconduct, disability) in syllabi, as well as information about grading. The report about the Norman GC meeting provoked a discussion: could a standard syllabus have prevented the academic appeal grievance in Norman?
  - Saturday evening May 10: HSC Graduate College Convocation
  - All students receiving NIH funding must have ERA id.
  - These students will be entered into PeopleSoft, along with their ID.
  - Course evaluation by students: Three templates (didactic, lab, ?) and a question bank are now stored in Qualtrix. Apparently HSC faculty have freedom to select which questions to include. Different from the Norman campus, where the format of the graduate course evaluation is determined by the programs, not the GC, and faculty do not select the questions (as far as I know).

### **Course Changes**

MUTE 5310 and 5320 were tabled for clarification.

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.

GRRE 5043. Course addition.  
 IAS 5810. Course addition.  
 IAS 5820. Course addition.  
 IAS 5830. Course addition.  
 IAS 5840. Course addition.  
 IAS 5850. Course addition.  
 MUTE 5300. Course addition.  
 MUTE 5310. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 5, 2014.

**DISTRIBUTION DATE:** February 6, 2014

For an electronic copy of these minutes and more information about the  
Graduate Council visit our website at  
[http://www.ou.edu/content/gradweb/aud/faculty/graduate\\_council.html](http://www.ou.edu/content/gradweb/aud/faculty/graduate_council.html)