

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
March 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: Lee Williams, Janis Paul, Frances Ayres, Sally Beach, Dan Cottom, Anthony Cricchio, Brian Fiedler, Phillip Gutierrez, Eric Heinze, Tohren Kibbey, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Katerina Tsetsura, Jacob Vidourek, Irvin Wagner, Todd Wuestewald

Absent: William Ray, Joshua Barr, Saif Imtiaz, David Moxley, Robert Terry, Barry Weaver

Guests: Shanjana Awasthi, Jennifer Dodson, Shaila Miranda, Amy Piper, Randa Shehab

Description of General Business

- The minutes from February 5, 2014 were approved.
- A motion to amend the minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting of the Graduate Council to show that the faculty involved in the original academic appeal hearing recused themselves from the Graduate Council discussion and vote was approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

- The proposed **accelerated B.B.A. Accounting/MIS M.S.** program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The proposed **accelerated B.B.A. Economics/MIS M.S.** program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The proposed **accelerated B.B.A. Entrepreneurship and Venture Management/MIS M.S.** program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The proposed **accelerated B.B.A. Finance/MIS M.S.** program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The proposed **accelerated B.B.A. General Management/MIS M.S.** program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The proposed **accelerated B.B.A. Human Resource Management/MIS M.S.** program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The proposed **accelerated B.B.A. Marketing/MIS M.S.** program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The proposed **accelerated B.B.A. Risk Management/MIS M.S.** program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The proposed **accelerated B.B.A. Supply Chain Management/MIS M.S.** program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The **Engineering M.S. addition of the Data Science & Analytics area of concentration** was approved by unanimous vote.
- The **Industrial & Systems Engineering B.S./M.S. accelerated** program requirement change was approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

- A motion to strike the calculation of the undergraduate GPA for retention purposes from the Graduate College Bulletin was approved by unanimous vote. The Graduate College will continue to calculate the graduate GPA and overall (including undergraduate) GPA for retention purposes.

Discussion Items

- Dean Williams briefed the council on the history of the development of the generic professional master's programs and introduced the upcoming proposed Professional M.A. in TESOL (the Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages). Dean Paul has been meeting with faculty in the appropriate disciplines and researching TESOL programs. The program would involve elements of linguistics, cultural issues, education, language acquisition, English language structure and grammar, etc., and would be housed in the Graduate College as a professional master's program. Target audiences may include current OU undergraduates and alumni. The program would be delivered in the beginning as a structured cohort with guaranteed enrollment for one of the target audiences, before expanding. Dean Paul commented that there is a real need for this program at OU in order to train English teachers, help international students on campus, and which would connect certain existing resources on campus. The Graduate College has met with Modern Languages, English, Education, and Anthropology. The council discussed further ideas for the program, such as targeting local K-12 students as an additional audience, speaking to teachers in the local elementary school language immersion programs, and contacting faculty in Mass Communication and the Department of Communication for additional input.
- Dean Williams gave an update on the Graduate Management Systems initiative. The Graduate College did a complete reevaluation of the graduate admissions process before choosing CollegeNET for the new graduate admissions software system. The Graduate College is now evaluating the degree planning and degree audit process. We are testing a concept with Advanced Programs this semester to begin the degree planning process in the first semester, to initiate an evolving program of study which would be updated on a semester-by-semester basis. When the time comes for the student to apply for candidacy, the program of study, updated several times by this point, will be officially submitted to the Graduate College for approval. The evolving program of study is being piloted in Advanced Programs now and will be rolled out to a limited number of departments next year, before expanding to all graduate departments the following year.

Subcommittee Reports

- Dr. Gutierrez provided the following March APR report:
 - African and African-American Studies has submitted its self-evaluation. The APR committee will meet to discuss the self-evaluation March 6, 2014 and next month, April, with the external reviewers.
 - The report from the external reviewers for the Department of Political Science has been received.
 - The APR committee met with the chair of Film and Media Studies.
 - The APR committee met with the external reviewers for the Department of Modern Languages, Literature and Linguistics and later with the chair of the department.
- Dr. Ayres provided the following Faculty Senate report:

- The Faculty Senate did not have a meeting in January. Instead they had a reception between faculty senators and administration to promote shared governance. The February meeting featured speakers. Matt Hamilton and Brad Burnett discussed the new flat tuition plan for undergraduates. Nancy Mergler, Kyle Harper and Greg Garn discussed OU's STEM initiatives. It was noted that OU's retention of freshmen in STEM related majors was lower than target benchmarks and the University was seeking ways to increase this.
- Dr. Fiedler reported that the February meeting of the Health Sciences Center Graduate Council meeting was cancelled.

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.

FIN 6602. Course addition.
MIS 5702. Course addition.
MIS 5722. Course addition.
MIS 5732. Course addition.
MIS 5742. Course addition.
MIS 6753. Course addition.
MUTE 5310. Course addition.
MUTE 5320. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 2, 2014.

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