

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
April 2, 2014 MINUTES
Robertson Hall, Room 311**

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: Lee Williams, William Ray (via videoconference), Janis Paul, Sally Beach, Shayne Cairns, Dan Cottom, Anthony Cricchio, Brian Fiedler, Phillip Gutierrez, Eric Heinze, Tohren Kibbey, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Robert Terry, Katerina Tsetsura, Jacob Vidourek, Todd Wuestewald

Absent: Frances Ayres, Joshua Barr, David Moxley, Irvin Wagner, Barry Weaver

Guests: Fabrice Conte, John Dmytryk, Pamela Genova

Description of General Business

- The minutes from March 5, 2014 were approved.

Discussion Items

- An addition to the current Graduate College Stop-out Policy (page 25 of the 2013-2014 *Graduate College Bulletin*) was presented to the Graduate Council: “Exceptions may be made to accommodate academically reasonable requests related to pregnancy and parenting, disability, emergency medical condition, or similar extenuating circumstances. Individual accommodations shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.” It was suggested that the following phrase (in bold) be added to the proposed addition to the Stop-out policy: “**Exceptions to this policy** may be made to accommodate academically reasonable requests related to pregnancy and parenting, disability, emergency medical condition, or similar extenuating circumstances. Individual accommodations shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.”
- Dean Williams gave a brief update on the Graduate Management Systems initiative.

FYI Item

- Dean Williams presented a clarification to the Physics & Engineering Physics M.S. comprehensive exam requirement: “Non-thesis terminal Masters: After passing the departmental qualifiers and required classes, the student will have an oral Comprehensive Exam to confirm that their understanding is at an appropriate level for an exiting, non-thesis Masters. The exam will be followed by a discussion about future career and educational opportunities and to assess the efficacy of the graduate program.”

Subcommittee Reports

- Dr. Fiedler gave the following report from the March meeting of the OU Health Sciences Center Graduate Council:
 - Minutes approved, graduate faculty appointments approved, course changes approved.

- Reports from Norman GC for February and March. HSC expressed some puzzlement about the GPA calculation issue in Norman. Apparently, the issue is nonexistent in the HSC.
- Announcement that the Dean search continues (to replace James Tomasek). Should be wrapped up in April.
- D2L now set up for sharing reading copies of Theses and Dissertations.
- Students should be warned that D2L is for distributing, not archiving.
- Announcement for Graduate College Orientation - Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 1:00-5:00 pm
- Announcement for Graduate Research Education And Technology (GREAT) 2014 March 31 - April 3, 2014
- Announcement about how faculty and staff should respond to subpoena for information: contact OU legal counsel first.

Course Changes

The following courses were tabled for clarification: COMM 5023, COMM 5053, C S 5005, MUTE 5232, MUTE 6232.

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.

BIOL 5943. Course addition.

ENGR 5900. Course addition.

GEOG 5283. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change semester offered.

GEOG 5543. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change description. Change semester offered.

ISE 5113. Course addition.

PHIL 6023. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 7, 2014.

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