

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 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, Shayne Cairns, Dan Cottom, Brian Fiedler, David Moxley, Vassilios Sikavitsas, Katerina Tsetsura, Todd Wuestewald

Absent: William Ray, Joshua Barr, Anthony Cricchio, Phillip Gutierrez, Eric Heinze, Tohren Kibbey, Robert Terry, Jacob Vidourek, Irvin Wagner, Barry Weaver

Guests: Heather Ahtone, Jennifer Dodson, Gregg Garn, Michael Kramer, Radhika Santhanam, Susan Sisson, Mary Jo Watson

Description of General Business

- The minutes from April 2, 2014 were approved.

Program Modifications & Proposals

- The Master of Arts in Communication program requirement change was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Master of Education in Educational Administration, Curriculum, and Supervision proposal for a blended online program was approved by unanimous vote.
- The Master of Science in Management Information Systems program name and CIP code change was approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

- The addition to the Graduate College Stop-Out Policy was unanimously approved. The following language will be added to the end of the Stop-Out Policy in the Graduate College Bulletin: "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."

FYI Item

- Dean Paul thanked council members for their service, particularly those members whose three-year terms end in June.

Discussion Items

- Dean Paul briefed the council on the new *Graduate College Policy Regarding Embargoes of Theses and Dissertations*, specifically the two rationales for embargo requests, that embargoes may be renewed as necessary, and that departments may request embargoes for all students in the unit. Dr. Ayres asked how this affected open defenses, to which Dean Williams explained that defenses can be closed at the recommendation of the Office of Technology Development. Dr. Moxley asked if funding sources could stipulate an embargo

of research; Dean Williams explained that situations like this could be worked out, but permanent embargoes will not be approved.

Subcommittee Reports

- Dr. Fiedler have the following report of the April 17, 2014 OUHSC Graduate Council meeting:
 - Qualtrics course evaluation standardized online form has been sent to all faculty for use this semester. The use of the standardized form is voluntary. Other forms can be designed by individual programs.
 - Courses and Graduate Faculty Appointments approved.
 - Some discussion about a student complaint about a grade of "B", but with zero explanation from instructor of what was deficient.
 - "Responsible Conduct of Research" training required every three years for HSC graduate students. Apparently it is a semester long course. Discussion about whether this course is overkill. There was a rebuttal that this course is not overkill: there are many news issues about data archiving and reproducibility that make this course more important now than previously.
 - Review of "GREAT" (Graduate Research Education And Technology) 2014 March 31 - April 3, 2014. Apparently the event was a success.

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 5930. Course addition.
ANTH 5033. Course addition.
ANTH 5203. Course addition.
ANTH 5333. Course addition.
ANTH 5373. Course addition.
ANTH 5433. Course addition.
ANTH 5753. Course deletion.
ANTH 5963. Course addition.
BIOL 5970. Course addition.
C S 5005. Change course level.
COMM 5023. Course addition.
COMM 5053. Course addition.
EACS 6713. Course addition.
ECE 5523. Change prerequisite.
EDEC 6433. Course addition.
EDEC 6833. Course addition.
EDS 6713. Course addition.
H R 5153. Change prerequisite. Change description.
HES 5430. Change contact hours. Change prerequisite. Change description.
HES 6513. Course addition.

HSCI 5613. Course addition.
HSCI 5623. Course addition.
LSCJ 5213. Course addition.
LSCJ 5263. Course addition.
LSCJ 5303. Course addition.
LSCJ 5343. Course addition.
LSCJ 5363. Course addition.
LSCJ 5383. Course addition.
LSCJ 5413. Course addition.
LSCJ 5423. Course addition.
MIS 5013. Course addition.
MUTE 5232. Course addition.
MUTE 6232. Course addition.
P E 4533. Add graduate credit.
PBIO 5483. Add slashlisting. Change prerequisite. Change semester offered.
S WK 5283. Course addition.
S WK 5303. Course addition.
S WK 5343. Course addition.
SOC 5563. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 4, 2014.

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