

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
September 3, 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, Anthony Cricchio, Phillip Gutierrez, Eric Heinze, Tohren Kibbey, Changwook Kim, Mark Meo, Martin Montminy, Todd Wuestewald, Robert Terry, Katerina Tsetsura, Jake Vidourek, Irvin Wagner

**Absent:** Francene Ayres, Hollie Mackey, David Moxley, Barry Weaver

**Guests:** Joshua Hinson, Francene Weatherby (HSC), Racquel Yamada

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from June 4, 2014 were approved.

**FYI Item**

- The Biomedical Engineering course designator has been changed from BIOE to BME.

**Subcommittee Reports**

Dr. Terry provided the following report on the August 21, 2014 HSC Graduate Council meeting:

Besides the usual business, three reports from standing committees were presented.

- There was discussion regarding possible standardization of the timing of program reviews. Apparently, Neuroscience is on hold and they have requested more time to properly evaluate changes implemented since the last program review. The discussion was tabled until a committee could look into the issue.
- An issue was raised regarding the timing and status level of Graduate Faculty Appointments. It was noted that appointments are reviewed on a standard schedule, and that some faculty appointed at a lesser level of status may have achieved a higher level of status in the interim. A question was raised as to whether a mechanism existed for such a faculty member to apply for a higher status prior to the regularly scheduled review. Issue was referred to the appropriate committee.
- Finally, NIH is now requiring all graduate students and post-docs to submit an Individual Development Plan (IDP) in order to get funded and tuition reimbursements. That policy will be expanded to include all students at the OU-HSC, regardless of NIH funding. A pilot survey seemed to indicate variability in both student and Faculty enthusiasm for the IDP requirement. However, it appeared that the good that came out of the process exceeded the cost of completing the IDP so this requirement will be implemented.

Next meeting is to be held on September 18, 2014 from noon to 1:30 pm.

**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.

C S 5013. Change prerequisite.  
ECE 5833. Change prerequisite. Change description. Change semester offered.  
ECE 5873. Change prerequisite. Change semester offered.  
ECE 5880. Change to variable hours.  
EDPY 6103. Course addition.  
EDSS 5333. Change description.  
ENGR 5123. Course addition.  
G E 5243. Change prerequisite.  
G E 5533. Change prerequisite.  
G E 5713. Change prerequisite.  
G E 6153. Change prerequisite.  
G E 6253. Change prerequisite.  
GEOG 5523. Course addition.  
GEOL 5713. Change prerequisite.  
JMC 5273. Course addition.  
JMC 5283. Course addition.  
P E 5243. Change prerequisite.  
P E 5533. Change prerequisite.  
P E 5713. Change prerequisite.  
P E 6153. Change prerequisite.  
P E 6253. Change prerequisite.  
P E 6263. Change prerequisite.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 1, 2014.

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