

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2015 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, Anthony Cricchio, Phillip Gutierrez, Eric Heinze, Tohren Kibbey, Hollie Mackey, James Maner, David Moxley, Robert Terry, Katerina Tsetsura (via teleconference), Jace Vickers, Irvin Wagner, Todd Wuestewald

Absent: William Ray, Changwook Kim, Mark Meo, Martin Montminy, Susan Walden, Barry Weaver

Guests: John Dmytryk (HSC), Royce Floyd, Scott Harvey

Description of General Business

- The minutes from December 3, 2014 were approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

- The program requirement change to the Master of Arts in French was approved by unanimous vote.
- The program requirement change to the Doctor of Philosophy in Health and Exercise Science was approved by unanimous vote.
- The program requirement change to the Master of Human Relations was tabled.
- The program requirement change to the Master of Education in Professional Counseling was tabled.

Old Business

- The council voted unanimously to reduce full-time enrollment for graduate students in summer to six credit hours and part-time enrollment in summer to three credit hours, as well as to reduce full-time enrollment for graduate students in the final semester to two credit hours.

Discussion Item

- Dean Williams broached the topic of coursework-only master's degrees, some of which are offered by prestigious institutions, particularly in the engineering fields. The council discussed concerns about the academic rigor of a coursework-only program but admitted that such a format may be appropriate for some professional degrees who embed theoretical applications in courses throughout the degree program. It was suggested that programs wishing to propose coursework-only programs submit narratives with their program proposals or modifications. Dean Williams emphasized that programs wishing to innovate must continue to meet the university's standards and quality expectations. This discussion will be continued at a later meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

- Dr. Gutierrez provided the following report on the activities of the Academic Program Review for the month of January 2015:
 - The APR committee has met three times since the beginning of January and will meet twice next week.
 - Meeting with the director of the School of Social Work.
 - Meet with the chair of Health and Exercise Sciences.
 - Meeting with the external reviewers for the Construction Science.
 - Additional meetings scheduled for January:
 - Meet with the associate director of Construction Science
 - Meet with the external reviewers for Health and Exercise Sciences.
- Dr. Terry provided the following report on the December 19, 2014 meeting of the OUHSC Graduate Council:

Besides the usual business, one item of interest was discussed pertaining to financial aid requirements.

According to OUHSC financial aid office, financial aid requesting graduate students must maintain at least part time status: 4 hours in a semester and 2 hours in a summer. A full time load for a graduate student is 9 hours in a semester and 4 in the summer at the OUHSC.

As to the hours required to be appointed as graduate student, financial aid is silent on that rule. The rule appears to state that that “full time status” to be eligible for GR/TA is 6 hours in semester and 3 in summer. However, there is also the caveat that if enrollment drops lower the 5 hours in semester and 2 in summer (congruent with part time minimum for financial aid) the GR/TA could be reclassified as an employee. So it would seem even if they were 5 in semester and 2 in summer, they could still qualify for GR/TA even though it says above they need to carry a load of 6 in semester and 3 in summer.

The relevant document was located on the graduate college website:

<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/gradcollege/documents/GraduateAssistantPolicy10.30.12.pdf>

There is no mention in any document from OUHSC graduate college or financial aid about the “type” of class (i.e. independent study, readings, online, or regular face-to-face classes), so is it the case that Norman is stipulating beyond the actual requirements?

IS it the case that OUHSC, Norman and Tulsa are all governed by the same decision regarding financial aid rules, and if so, can Norman unilaterally make decisions as to these requirements without agreement of OUHSC and Tulsa? Or perhaps they make decisions for everyone? It was agreed that this warrants further discussion and clarification from the Norman Grad Council.

Next meeting is to be held on January 15 at an early starting time of 11 am due to MLK holiday festivities.

Course Changes

The following courses were tabled.

CHEM 5023
 CHEM 5103
 CHEM 5123

CHEM 5153
CHEM 5213
CHEM 5233
CHEM 5313
CHEM 5323
CHEM 5333
CHEM 5433
CHEM 5453
CHEM 5623
CHEM 5673
CHEM 5753
CHEM 5853
CHEM 5923
CHEM 6113
CHEM 6210
CHEM 6411
CHEM 6431
CHEM 6443
CHEM 6621
CHEM 6650
CHEM 6670
CHEM 6680
CHEM 6721
CHEM 6730
CHEM 6733
CHEM 6813
CHEM 6823
CHEM 6833
CHEM 6843
CHEM 6850
CHEM 6853
CHEM 6863
CHEM 6873
CHEM 6933
CHEM 6970

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.

CEES 4663. Change prerequisite. Change semester.

CEES 4753. Change prerequisite.

CEES 5021. Change semester.

CEES 5673. Remove crosslisting.
H R 5143. Change prerequisite. Change description.
H R 5803. Course addition.
H R 5813. Course addition.
H R 5823. Course addition.
H R 5833. Course addition.
H R 5843. Course addition.
H R 5853. Course addition.
H R 5863. Course addition.
HES 6953. Change title. Change prerequisite. Change description.
HSCI 5601. Course addition.
IAS 5790. Course addition.
LIS 5111. Course deletion.
LIS 5112. Course deletion.
LIS 5433. Course deletion.
LIS 5703. Course deletion.
MBIO 5723. Course addition.
MBIO 5733. Course addition.
NAS 5050. Change maximum credit hours. Change prerequisite.
NAS 5960. Change maximum credit hours. Change prerequisite.
ODYN 5283. Course addition.
SPAN 5713. Change prerequisite. Change description. Change semester.
SPAN 5923. Change prerequisite. Change description. Change semester.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 11, 2015.

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