

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
April 1, 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, Hunter Brunwald, Anthony Cricchio, Phillip Gutierrez, Eric Heinze, Tohren Kibbey, Robert Terry, Katerina Tsetsura, Susan Walden, Todd Wuestewald

**Absent:** William Ray, Shayne Cairns, Changwook Kim, Hollie Mackey, James Maner, Mark Meo, Martin Montminy, David Moxley, Jace Vickers, Barry Weaver

**Guests:** Teresa Cullen, Jennifer Peck (HSC), Chris Walker

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from March 11, 2015 were approved.

**Program Modifications and Proposals**

- The Master of Education in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning online program proposal was unanimously approved.
- The Master of Education in Instructional Psychology and Technology option deletion and area of concentration requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The Master of Education in Special Education area of concentration addition was unanimously approved.

**Discussion Item**

- The council reviewed revised proposed changes to the Graduate College Bulletin regarding coursework-only master's degrees drafted by Dr. Kibbey and discussed the possibility of allowing some graduate programs from academic disciplines where coursework-only master's degree are the norm in other institutions. The proposed changes will be put to a vote next month.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- Dr. Gutierrez provided the following report on the activities of the Academic Program Review for the month of April 2015:
  - The APR committee met with the external reviewers for the Human Relations program.
  - The individual APR committee reports are now in the process of being produced. Drafts of Social Work and Construction Science are being circulated. Others will be produced as the written external reviews are received.
- Dr. Terry provided the following report on the activities of the Health Sciences Center Graduate Council for the month of April 2015:

- A quorum of OUHSC council members was not present and several committee chairs were also absent so much of the agenda had to be postponed to the April meeting and it was decided and approved that several non-critical votes would be taken by email before the next meeting.
- Discussion on graduate faculty levels and full versus associate membership took place. This issue arises often because many committee members come from off-campus (e.g. OMRP) and are not OU-HSC faculty. Requests are made regarding the graduate faculty level sought (i.e. level 1-4) and yet the person seeking the appointment is often unaware of the OH-HSC guidelines that determine which level of appointment is appropriate. The consequence is a number of outside faculty members getting turned down because they do not meet the requirements of level they requested. An idea was proposed and accepted that a pre-screening for off-campus faculty would be used to ensure that the rules would be understood before unrealistic requests would be presented to the OU-HSC graduate council for approval.
- A discussion of state budget cuts and impacts on graduate training was held. Council members suggested that inviting state legislators to events on campus could help legislators understand the value of the work and training being done. Several council members suggested that legislators have been regularly invited to campus events but did not seem to be interested in higher education and research. How to better communicate with the legislature was discussed.
- Because of the SAE incident at the Norman Campus, issues of diversity and the training of historically under-represented groups were discussed. Further concrete actions that the council might consider taking will be discussed at a future meeting when more council members are present.
- Next meeting is to be held on April 16 at noon.

### **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 5173. Course addition.  
 EDRG 5103. Course addition.  
 EIPT 5601. Course addition.  
 EIPT 5613. Course addition.  
 EIPT 5623. Course addition.  
 EIPT 5631. Course addition.  
 EIPT 5643. Course addition.  
 EIPT 5653. Course addition.  
 EIPT 5663. Course addition.  
 EIPT 5671. Course addition.  
 EIPT 5683. Course addition.

EIPT 5693. Course addition.  
EIPT 5703. Course addition.  
EIPT 5712. Course addition.  
EIPT 6153. Change in title. Change in description.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 6, 2015.

**DISTRIBUTION DATE:** April 2, 2015

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