

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2016 MINUTES
Hester Hall 142**

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, Sally Beach, Emmanuelle Chiocca, Phil Gibson, Tohren Kibbey, Hollie Mackey, Martin Montminy, Mark Raymond, Robert Terry, Katerina Tsetsura, Christopher Varjas, Susan Walden, Charles Warnken, Todd Wuestewald

Absent: William Ray, Frances Ayres, Ahmad Ghassemi, Randall Hewes, Changwook Kim, Mark Meo, David Moxley, Jackson Rushing,

Guests: Jennifer Kisamore (OU-Tulsa)

Description of General Business

- The minutes from January 20, 2016 were unanimously approved, with one addendum to add Dean Hewes as being in attendance.

Program Modifications and Proposals

- The **Master of Science in Interior Design** option addition was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Dean Paul provided a table explaining academic misconduct consequences (page 4 of this document). The council voted to unanimously approve a proposed addition (presented at the January 2016 meeting) to page 36 of the 2015-2016 Graduate College Bulletin (page 3). The approved addition is: “Academic misconduct reports fall into two categories, admonitions (warnings) and violations. A graduate student who has received a report of violation in a course may not drop the course in which the report has been made, unless the report is dismissed.”

Subcommittee Reports

- Dr. Terry provided the following report from the January 21, 2016 meeting of the OUHSC Graduate Council:

Meeting began promptly at 11:30 am.

The December minutes were approved with only one small change.

Next, we moved on to Standing Committee Reports.

Graduate Faculty Appointment Committee presented individual faculty members for approval at recommended appointment levels. All recommendations were approved unanimously.

Norman Campus report – Discussion mostly centered around the changing nature of graduate education, both at the Norman and OU-HSC campuses, including some ongoing efforts at collaboration with the College of Business.

Program review progress was only briefly discussed.

New business

Budgets cuts have taken effect at OU-HSC and recommended 20% cuts are being implemented. Suggested cuts at this time involve primarily entertainment functions (e.g. meals, lunches, etc.) and travel - although graduate student travel is currently proposed to be the last resort option. There was some discussion of creating a paper trail for evaluating TA and GA performance, especially when performance is not acceptable. A discussion of the reasonableness of using student evaluations for evaluating performance, especially in light of recent research suggesting possible biases against women and members of minority groups, then followed. No binding decisions were made.

Next Meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday in February.

Meeting ended at 12:00 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.

ANTH 5863. Change in prerequisite. Change in description.

MIS 4663. Addition of graduate credit.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 2, 2016.

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