

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
March 2, 2016 MINUTES
Hester Hall 142**

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, Randall Hewes, Janis Paul, Frances Ayres, Sally Beach, Emmanuelle Chiocca, Phil Gibson, Tohren Kibbey, Hollie Mackey, Martin Montminy, Jackson Rushing, Robert Terry, Katerina Tsetsura, Christopher Varjas, Charles Warnken, Todd Wuestewald

Absent: William Ray, Ahmad Ghassemi, Changwook Kim, Mark Meo, David Moxley, Mark Raymond, Susan Walden

Guests: Jedidiah Bragg (via videoconference), Xi-Qin Ding, Jennifer Kisamore (OU-Tulsa), Julie Miller-Cribbs (via videoconference)

Description of General Business

- The minutes from February 3, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

- The **Master of Human Relations** concentration requirement change was approved unanimously.
- The **Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (Microbiology)** requirement change was approved unanimously.
- The **Master of Science in Microbiology** requirement change was approved unanimously.
- The **Doctor of Philosophy in Microbiology** requirement change was approved unanimously.
- The **Master of Science in Plant Biology** requirement change was approved unanimously.
- The **Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Biology** requirement change was approved unanimously.
- The **Accelerated BA – MA Political Science** accelerated proposal was approved unanimously.
- The **Accelerated BA Public Admin – MA Political Science** proposal was approved unanimously.
- The **Master of Arts in Political Science** requirement change was approved unanimously.
- The **Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science** requirement change was approved unanimously.
- The **Master of Public Administration** requirement change was approved unanimously.
- The **Master of Education in Professional Counseling** requirement change and concentration addition was approved unanimously.
- The **Graduate Certificate in Drug and Alcohol Counseling** certificate proposal was approved unanimously.
- The **Graduate Certificate in School Counseling** certificate proposal was approved unanimously.

Items from the February 2016 Email Vote

- The **Nonprofit Management Graduate Certificate** (Tulsa) was approved by unanimous vote (one member abstained).
- The associated course additions were approved: NPNG 5033, NPNG 5413, NPNG 5701, NPNG 5711, NPNG 5721.
- The language specifying that the new Clinical Mental Health Counseling option of the **Master of Human Relations** (approved at the December 2015 meeting of the Graduate Council) will be available to be offered on the Tulsa campus was approved by unanimous vote.

FYI Items

- The **Master of Public Administration** application requirements were modified to delete the General Record Examination (GRE) as a requirement and replace it with a resume.

Subcommittee Reports

- Prof. Terry provided the following report from the February 18, 2016 meeting of the OUHSC Graduate Council:
 - Meeting began promptly at noon.
 - The January minutes were approved with only small changes.
 - Next item was the Curriculum Review Committee. All course additions/revisions were approved unanimously.
 - Graduate Faculty Appointment Committee presented individual faculty members for approval at recommended appointment levels. All recommendations were approved unanimously.
 - Norman Campus report was presented by the Prof. Terry.
 - Graduate Student Association discussed a series of seminars and webinars they are conducting to help Ph.D.'s prepare for a career outside academia. They also teaming up with OU-HSC postdoc's to conduct seminar of on grant writing.
 - Discussion was held on the relative merits of academia versus industry, the changing paradigm in academia, and how most academics are not well-positioned to advise graduate students on succeeding in industry.
 - New business
 - A follow-up discussion regarding tools for graduate student assessment was held. A template for assessing professional behavior was emailed to the graduate council and was presented. No action was taken at this time.
 - No administrative decisions regarding the next fiscal year budget have been made.
 - Next Meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday in March.
 - Meeting ended at 12:23 pm.
- Prof. Ding (OUHSC) also gave a brief overview of the February 18, 2016 meeting of the OUHSC Graduate Council and spoke at length about the annual OUHSC GREAT symposium which will be held at the end of March.

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.

BIOL 5013. Course addition.
BIOL 5023. Course addition.
BIOL 5063. Course addition.
BIOL 5553. Course addition.
H R 5880. Course addition.
LIS 5463. Change in prerequisite.
LIS 5563. Change in prerequisite.
LIS 5673. Course addition.
LSAL 5193. Course addition.
LSAL 5223. Course addition.
LSAL 5253. Course addition.
LSAL 5273. Course addition.
LSAL 5283. Course addition.
LSAL 5713. Course addition.
LSAL 5733. Course addition.
METR 5303. Change in prerequisite.
P SC 5923. Course addition.
SOC 4873. Course deletion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 5, 2016.

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