

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
September 7, 2016 MINUTES
Farzaneh Hall, Room 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: Randall Hewes, Janis Paul, Jennifer Kisamore, Sally Beach, Shane Connelly, Peter Gade, Tohren Kibbey, Hollie Mackey, Mark Meo, David Moxley, Mark Raymond, Charles Warnken

Absent: Ahmad Ghassemi, Phil Gibson, Changwook Kim, Nina Livesey, Martin Montminy, Susan Walden, Pradeep Yadav

Guests: Lei Ding, Joe Dulin, Amber Hasbrook, Barbara Holtzclaw (HSC), Mike Ihnat (HSC), Sara Vaughan (GC)

Description of General Business

- The minutes from May 4, 2016 and June 1, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

- The **Accelerated Accounting B.B.A. – Master of Accountancy** accelerated program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The **Master of Accountancy** program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The **Graduate Certificate in the Foundations of Business** graduate certificate proposal was unanimously approved.
- The **Master of Fine Arts in Drama** program deletion was unanimously approved.
- The **Master of Education – Instructional Psychology and Technology** concentration requirement change was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

- **News from the Graduate College**
 - Dean Hewes spoke about Dean Paul's retirement in December 2016. Her current position will be separated into two positions—a Director of the English Assessment Program and an Associate Dean.
 - The Graduate College will be recruiting a Faculty Fellow for Inclusive Excellence. The Fellow will oversee Graduate College initiatives that promote diversity, inclusion, and excellence in graduate education.
 - Dean Hewes reported that Sara Vaughan in the Graduate College is managing the Graduate College website. Work is ongoing with Amy Shaw, Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions, to integrate the Graduate Admissions and Graduate College websites.
 - Dean Hewes reported that the Graduate Education Task Force is continuing to work actively on their draft report.
 - The Fall Graduate Liaison Meeting will be October 11-12. All members of the Graduate Council are welcome to attend.
- **Graduate Admissions Criteria**

- Dean Hewes briefly restated the Graduate Admissions Criteria as previously approved by the Council and discussed changes needed in the Graduate College Bulletin to correctly reflect the approved criteria.
- **Ensuring Excellence in Special Membership Appointments in the Graduate Faculty**
 - Dean Hewes discussed the applications for special membership that he reviews in light of the Provost's emphasis on excellence in faculty hiring. Regular faculty appointments are carefully reviewed with extensive scrutiny on many levels, but it appears less so at the special membership level. Dean Hewes will convene an ad hoc faculty committee to study this. The committee will create a report for the Graduate Council for discussion and review.

Subcommittee Reports

- Professors Barbara Holtzclaw and Mike Ihnat from OUHSC reported that their ethics courses are being reviewed to determine whether some can be condensed and how they are delivered.
- Dean Kisamore from OU-Tulsa reported that Dr. James Sluss will divide his time equally between Norman and Tulsa until January 1, 2017, when he will begin his duties full time in Tulsa as the Dean of the Graduate College.

Course Changes

The following course changes and proposals have been 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, Linda Kelly, 325-3106 if you wish to review any of these materials.

DSA 5900. Course addition.

EDSP 6033. Change in title. Change in course description.

EDSP 6920. Change in prerequisite.

GEOG 5963. Course addition.

GEOL 5113. Change in prerequisite. Change in course description.

METR 5633. Course addition.

MIT 5762. Course addition.

SOC 5873. Course addition.

SOC 5893. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 5, 2016.

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