

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
December 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, James Sluss, Janis Paul, Jinan Allan, Sally Beach, Shane Connelly, Peter Gade, Phil Gibson, Tohren Kibbey, Nina Livesey, Hollie Mackey, Mark Meo, David Moxley, Sanna Pederson, Mark Raymond, Charles Warnken, Pradeep Yadav

Absent: Jackson Autrey, Ahmad Ghassemi, Changwook Kim, Jennifer Kisamore, Martin Montminy, Tham Nguyen, Lauren Ross, Susan Walden

Guests: June Abbas, Jim Gardner, Guangpu Li (HSC), Katherine Pandora, Sara Vaughan

Description of General Business

- The minutes from October 5, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Accelerated BS Architectural Engineering/MS Civil Engineering – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Accelerated BS Civil Engineering/MS Civil Engineering – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
3. Accelerated BS Environmental Engineering/MS Environmental Engineering – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
4. Accelerated BS Environmental Science/Master of Environmental Science – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
5. Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
6. Graduate Certificate in Digital Humanities – certificate proposal was unanimously approved.
7. Electrical and Computer Engineering Ph.D. – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
8. Instructional Psychology and Technology M.Ed. – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
9. Meteorology Ph.D. – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
10. Professional Counseling M.Ed. – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
11. Special Education M.Ed. – deletion of area of concentration was unanimously approved.
12. Special Education M.Ed. – program requirement change was unanimously approved.
13. Special Education Ph.D. – program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Subcommittee Reports

Dr. David P. Moxley provided the following information about the Faculty Senate Meeting on November 14, 2016:

- Agenda Highlights: In addition to general matters involving university business, the November agenda incorporated items pertaining to appointments to the Academic Program Review Committee, the Sixth Annual Academic Technology Expo, sponsorship of faculty

discussions regarding intellectual property hosted by the Office of Technology Development, and announcement of proposals for the Ed Cline Faculty Development Awards. The expo will identify promising technologies that faculty can incorporate into their instruction to advance teaching and learning.

- Items and News:
 - Retirement of Dr. James Pappas as Vice President for Outreach and Dean, College of Liberal Studies.
 - Dr. Simin Pulat, Vice Provost for Faculty Development, provided an overview of faculty retention initiatives involving performance feedback, transparent tenure and promotion process, family friendly practices, and faculty development policy. Dr. Pulat also focused on the availability of multiple mentoring opportunities on campus.
 - Ed Cline Faculty Development Award proposals are due to the Faculty Senate office by February 1, 2017. Information concerning the award can be found at <http://facultysenate.ou.edu/facdev.html>.
 - Dr. Randy Hewes, Interim Dean of the Graduate College, spoke to competitive factors in engaging and sustaining graduate research and teaching assistants within units. He presented data illuminating how the university compares to other universities in terms of competitiveness and adequacy of graduate students' stipends. A component of the university's engagement of graduate assistants involves the burden of fees they carry.
 - There was some discussion of racial incidents on and off campus, ones directed to faculty.
 - President David Boren has distributed a statement concerning the core values of the university and interpersonal relationships. This statement is in response to the recent incidents that occurred on and off campus.

The Faculty Senate distributed a statement on its response to the aforementioned incidents. This statement follows:

- It is vitally important at this moment for the university community to reaffirm our commitment to the core values of our institution and unify in their defense. One of these values is the recognition that diversity is a source of our strength as a university community and as an institution of higher education. We, as a university, strive to create and preserve an inclusive environment in which the pursuit of learning, the creation of art and knowledge, and the impetus to serve our society is equally available to all. The toleration of hate speech and bigotry on our campus is antithetical to this goal. The OU Faculty Senate condemns such speech and action on our campus and urges everyone—faculty, students, and staff—to speak out when they encounter it.

Dr. Guangpu Li from the Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the November HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- The Curriculum Review Committee has looked at master's nursing courses for distance learning.
- The Graduate Faculty Appointment Committee has approved several faculty levels.
- Program reviews will last for a year and involve an external review of all graduate programs on campus.

Dr. James Sluss, incoming Dean of the Tulsa Graduate College, noted that he is looking forward to participating in the Norman Graduate Council meetings beginning in January 2017.

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, at 325-3106, if you wish to review any of these materials.

BME 5363. Course addition.

BME 5863. Course addition.

BME 5973. Course addition.

BME 6213. Course addition.

CEES 4333. Change in prerequisite.

CNS 5213. Course addition.

EDAH 6813. Course addition.

EDSP 5013. Course addition.

EDSP 5243. Course addition.

EDSP 5343. Course addition.

EDSP 5443. Course addition.

EDSP 6003. Change in title.

EDSP 6113. Change in title. Change in prerequisites. Change in course description.

EIPT 5203. Change in title. Change in course description. Change in semester offered.

MBIO 5843. Change in title.

PBIO 5843. Change in title.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 18, 2017.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: December 14, 2016

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http://www.ou.edu/content/gradweb/faculty_resources/graduate_council.html