

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 2017 MINUTES
Farzaneh Hall, Room 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: Randall Hewes, James Sluss (via video conference), Nancy LaGreca, Jennifer Kisamore, Susan Burke, Shane Connelly, Lupe Davidson, Peter Gade, Tohren Kibbey, Susan Laird, Patrick McCann, Sanna Pederson, Mark Raymond, Charles Warnken, J. Quyen Wickham, Pradeep Yadav

Absent: Sally Beach, Mike Biggerstaff, Phil Gibson, Nina Livesey, Zulfiquar Reza

Guests: Paul Dyer, Allison Palmer, Grant Skrepnek (HSC), Sara Vaughan, Tom Woodfin

Description of General Business

- Dean Hewes welcomed and thanked the new and returning members and spoke briefly about the role of the Graduate Council.
- The list of standing committee appointments for 2017-2018 was presented and approved by the council.
- Volunteers were requested from among the Norman Graduate Council members to attend the monthly meetings of the HSC Graduate Council.
- Regular attendance at Graduate Council meetings was discussed.
- The minutes from the May 3, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Graduate Certificate in Administrative Leadership—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Ph.D. in Art History—program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

- Dean Hewes summarized the program changes Jessica Reynolds has implemented since assuming her role as Director of English Training and Certification Services (ETCS). The changes come from a top-to-bottom review of the former English Assessment Program, employing evidence-based practices for objective and consistent assessment of English competency. Reynolds held two well-attended town hall meetings during the summer to outline the vision for the program, and feedback was very positive. Future plans for ETCS include exploration of strategies for supporting the onboarding of international graduate students, and plans to provide ongoing English language support for international graduate students.
- Dean Hewes discussed changes in the Higher Learning Commission assumed practices for accredited institutions, which universities were to implement or begin in good faith by 9/1/2017. Assumed Practice B.2., Faculty Roles and Qualifications, considers faculty qualifications, tested experience, and the terminal degree for various disciplines. Dean Hewes will ask the ad hoc Graduate Faculty Membership committee to review these guidelines, with

additional attention to graduate faculty membership rescission and appeals procedures, and then consider updates to both the Graduate Faculty and Graduate Council Charters.

Dr. Grant Skrepnek from the Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the August HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- HSC Provost Sanders discussed criminal background checks for graduate students—the costs involved and how the information gathered will be evaluated.
- Several programs are going through program review and reaccreditation.
- Dr. Shane Connelly attended the May meeting on behalf of the Norman Graduate Council. She too mentioned the background checks discussion and the need for procedures and consistency across departments.

Dr. James Sluss, Dean of the Tulsa Graduate College, offered the following:

- Enrollment has increased by 12.5% on the Tulsa campus. Working professionals from the Norman campus are enrolling in Tulsa's compressed-format weekend courses. They will review their data to evaluate the rise in enrollment.

Course Modifications and Proposals

The following course modifications 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.

ARCH 5463. Change in prerequisites.

GIS 5653. Change in prerequisites.

GRAD 5433. Change in title.

C S 5063. Course addition.

C S 5483. Course addition.

DSA 5203. Course addition.

DSA 5303. Course addition.

EACS 5923. Course addition.

EACS 6813. Course addition.

IAS 5363. Course addition.

LSAL 5903. Course addition.

LSAL 5913. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 4, 2017.

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