

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 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 videoconference), Nancy LaGreca, Jennifer Kisamore (via videoconference), Sally Beach, Susan Burke, Shane Connelly, Lupe Davidson, Peter Gade, Phil Gibson, Tohren Kibbey, Nina Livesey, Patrick McCann, Sanna Pederson, Zulfiqar Reza, Charles Warnken, J. Quyen Wickham, Pradeep Yadav

Absent: Mike Biggerstaff, Susan Laird, Mark Raymond

Guests: Steven Gullberg, Barbara Holtzclaw (HSC), Allison Palmer, Sara Vaughan

Description of General Business

- The minutes from October 4, 2017 were approved with the following correction: Randall Kolar's name was added to the list of guests attending the meeting.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Ph.D. in Art History option addition (Critical Issues in Art History) was unanimously approved.
2. Ph.D. in Art History option addition (European Art) was unanimously approved.
3. Graduate Certificate in Media Management program requirement change was unanimously approved.
4. Data Science and Analytics proposed embedded certificate was tabled for further information.

Discussion Item

Dean's Task Force on Graduate Student Mentoring

- Dean Hewes is assembling a task force comprised of graduate students and faculty representing a broad range of areas to explore how students are served on campus. The goal of the task force is to recommend ways to enhance student mentorship. They will meet during spring and fall 2018 and will finalize their report by the end of 2018.

Subcommittee Reports

Dr. Nancy LaGreca submitted the following report of the Academic Program Review Committee meeting:

- APR Subcommittee B reviewed the satisfaction surveys, self-studies, and supporting documents on programs in Aviation, Microbiology and Plant Biology, and Physics. The subcommittee prepared questions for the units and discussed the units' strengths and weaknesses. We are now waiting for external evaluators to complete their evaluations of the units. APR Subcommittee B members will be meeting with the external evaluators at the end of each visit to debrief.

Dr. Susan Burke provided the following information from the Faculty Senate Meeting on October 9, 2017:

- There was a report on the president search, a report about the work of the Diversity Council, and a report from Benefits about changes for 2018.
- The Senate did some word editing on a statement concerning OU's support of "Dreamer" students. It basically stated that the Senate agrees with President Boren's statement that we support "Dreamer" students and believe they should be allowed to complete their educations unimpeded by political restrictions. However, the statement is not yet ready for dissemination.

Dr. Nina Livesey attended the October HSC Graduate Council meeting on October 19, 2017 and submitted the following report:

- The council heard from the curriculum review and graduate faculty appointment sub-committees.
- The HSC faculty senate circulated a job satisfaction survey to its faculty, asking the question "Do you feel valued?" The responses largely came back negative, with salary being the number one issue for feeling undervalued. Respondents cited salary disparities, among faculty within the same department, between administrators and faculty more generally, and between faculty at OU and those in comparable settings/institutions elsewhere.
- The RCR (Responsible Conduct of Research) committee has been in touch with Norman faculty who offer the RCR course here. Because the required course was not being offered at the HSC before one student was scheduled to graduate, the HSC allowed the student to complete the course in Norman. However, such an arrangement will not be acceptable in the future, as each campus administers the course differently. HSC will now ensure that the RCR course is offered on their campus each year.
- The HSC student organization is quite active; they are holding a blood drive, promoting hand sanitizers at a local fair, conducting a clothing donation drive for the City Rescue Mission, and organizing a fundraiser on Nov. 7 at Chipotle's in OKC. Proceeds from the latter will benefit the student organization itself.
- Dr. Sisson is petitioning the VP for research at the HSC for flexibility in the scheduling of the in-house graduate student IRB CITI training requirement. As of now, this in-house training is fixed on Tuesdays, during class time.

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

- Dean Sluss made available a summary of enrollment in OU-Tulsa courses, total headcount by program for fall 2016-17.

Dr. Nancy LaGreca presented the following information about the Interdisciplinary Degree Program Committee:

- At their first meeting, Chair Nancy LaGreca outlined the charge of the committee: 1) to examine the current guidelines on IDPs with special attention toward items that impact time-to-degree and completion rates, and 2) to submit a list of recommendations to the Graduate Council for its consideration. At their second meeting, the committee discussed the information gathered from peer interdisciplinary degree programs. At the remaining fall meetings, the committee will craft the IDP proposal, with the intention of sharing their results at an upcoming council meeting.

Dr. Randy Hewes discussed the current work of the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee:

- The charge of the committee is to review and help craft proposed changes in policy required to stay in compliance with the new guidance issued in 2016 by our institutional accreditor, the

Higher Learning Commission, specifically regarding Assumed Practice B.2., Faculty Roles and Qualifications. In their first two meetings, the committee has reviewed information in the Graduate Faculty Charter and the Graduate Council Charter. In subsequent meetings, they will discuss the graduate faculty membership categories, including Special Member appointments.

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.

ECE 5363. Added crosslisting.
ECE 6213. Added crosslisting.
LSIS 5113. Course addition.
LSIS 5133. Course addition.
LSIS 5313. Course addition.
LSIS 5333. Course addition.
LSIS 5373. Course addition.
LSTD 5073. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 6, 2017.

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