

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
May 2, 2018 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, Nancy LaGreca, Jennifer Kisamore (via video conference) Oluwatobi Ajagbe, Susan Burke, Shane Connelly, Natalie Daugherty, Peter Gade, Phil Gibson, Tohren Kibbey, Susan Laird, Nina Livesey, Patrick McCann, Sanna Pederson, Mark Raymond, Zulfiquar Reza, John Quyen Wickham, Pradeep Yadav, Charles Warnken

Absent: Sally Beach, Mike Biggerstaff, Lupe Davidson, Jeremiah Stinnett

Guests: Sharukh Khajotia (HSC), Sara Vaughan

Description of General Business

- The minutes from April 4, 2018 were unanimously approved.
- Dean Hewes recognized and thanked the faculty members whose Graduate Council term is ending: Sally Beach, Phil Gibson, Sanna Pederson, Mark Raymond, Zulfiquar Reza, and Charles Warnken. Dean Hewes also recognized and thanked the students whose term is ending: Oluwatobi Ajagbe, Natalie Daugherty, and Jeremiah Stinnett.
- Dean Hewes thanked everyone for their service on the Graduate Council subcommittees. New committee assignments will be made in August for the coming academic year.
- Dean Hewes recognized Nancy LaGreca and Anthony Natale as they transition from their Graduate College roles as Associate Dean and Faculty Fellow for Inclusive Excellence.

Discussion Items

- Associate Dean Nancy LaGreca introduced the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program (IPP) document created by the Interdisciplinary Degree Programs subcommittee during the past academic year while the program was on hiatus. The subcommittee reviewed interdisciplinary degree programs at peer institutions, then created the IPP document with attention to improving the structure and governance of the program to better serve students. The document was voted on and approved by the Graduate Council.

Subcommittee Reports

Dr. Nancy LaGreca gave the following report from the Academic Program Review Committee meeting:

- The committee is meeting with individual units and the Provost, as well as the chair and team leader for each report.
- Discussions have taken place about the following topics: creating a graduate program in Aviation; the impact of faculty retirement/attrition on a variety of seminars offered; and fees and stipends.

John Quyen Wickham attended the April HSC Graduate Council meeting and gave the following report:

- Current policy for Graduate Faculty Appointments is to apply to the head or chair of an academic program or college. Recommended policy change would allow outside committee membership requests to go directly to the Graduate Council in the interest of expediting appointments for interdisciplinary programs.
- The council is handling requests for two HSC Marshalls and an HSC banner carrier (MS Student) for the Norman Commencement.

Dr. Jennifer Kisamore, Associate Dean of the Tulsa Graduate College, offered the following:

- A retirement party for former Tulsa dean Dr. William Ray was held to celebrate his 38 years of service to OU.

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.

BME 4813. Change in course number, title, and prerequisites; request for graduate credit.

EDAH 5633. Change in title and course description.

EDAH 5683. Change in title, course description, and semesters offered.

ILAC 5143. Removal of slashlisting.

ILAC 5243. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 5, 2018.

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