

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2018 MINUTES
Farzaneh Hall, Room 142
3:00 p.m.**

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, Sherri Irvin, Tobi Ajagbe, Mike Biggerstaff, Shane Connelly, Natalie Daugherty, Lupe Davidson, Michael Engel, Peter Gade, Neil Houser, Tohren Kibbey, Keri Kornelson, Patrick McCann, Sanna Pederson, Mirelsie Velazquez, Charles Warnken, J. Quyen Wickham, Pradeep Yadav (via videoconference)

Absent: James Sluss, Jennifer Kisamore, Susan Burke, Eric Heinze, Nina Livesey

Guests: Mike Ihnat (HSC), Krista Pettersen (Tulsa, via videoconference), Sara Vaughan, Julie Ward

Description of General Business

- The minutes from September 6, 2018 were unanimously approved.

Course Modifications, Proposals, and Deletions

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Adult and Higher Education MEd—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Business Administration MBA Accelerated with BS in Meteorology—new accelerated program was unanimously approved.
3. Data Science and Analytics MS Accelerated with BS in Meteorology—new accelerated program was unanimously approved.
- 4a. Professional Counseling MEd—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 4b. Professional Counseling MEd—concentration deletion was unanimously approved.
5. Professional Counseling MEd—option addition was unanimously approved.
6. Sociology MA—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
7. Spanish MA—program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

1. Admission with Conditions: GPA Requirement—proposed requirement change
 - Dean Hewes introduced proposed changes to the GPA requirement for admission with conditions. Currently, an academic unit may recommend that a student be admitted with conditions if their GPA is below 3.0 or there are other concerns about the student's academic preparedness, or if the student lacks preparatory coursework. The student must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in each semester during their first 12 hours of coursework and earn no grade of D, F, or U. The proposed change will remove both the requirement of a 3.0 GPA in each semester and earning no grade of D, F, or U. Issues involving GPA will be addressed through current Graduate College probation policies. The Graduate Council voted to approve the proposed changes.

2. Draft graduate faculty policy updates from the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee
 - Dean Hewes gave an overview of the draft documents the committee reviewed last spring in light of the changes in the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) assumed practices for accredited institutions. Dean Hewes discussed proposed updates to the types of Graduate Faculty membership in the Graduate Faculty Charter, including the members and credentials sections, as well as a new section that defines tested experience in determining whether a faculty member is qualified for Graduate Faculty membership. The Graduate Council voted to approve the proposed changes which will then be presented to the Graduate Faculty for their vote.

Reports

Dr. Mike Ihnat from the Health Sciences Center and Quyen Wickham from the Norman Graduate Council gave the following report from the September HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- Discussion of challenges in bringing new graduate students with existing/limited funding
 - State lines as a possibility
 - Permanent university lines (e.g., Texas) that fund students
 - Gifts
- Norman/HSC graduate student cross-enrollment issues
 - Departments want students to take courses and do research across campuses (especially BME students)
 - Is double fee payment required for cross-enrollment?
 - Some students are doing research hours at HSC but are enrolled in them on their own campus
- WES (World Education Service) or ACE (Educational Credential Evaluators) for international student evaluations
 - The Council voted to allow both.

Krista Pettersen, on behalf of the Tulsa Graduate College, offered the following:

- They are working on proposals for the president. How can Tulsa grow its graduate programs? They are also looking at the Health Sciences Center to gain a better understanding of the differences between HSC and Tulsa.

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.

CNS 5940. Change in prerequisites, course description, and semesters offered.

EDPC 5923. Change in prerequisites and repeatable option.

EDSP 6023. Change in prerequisites, course description, and semesters offered.

MIS 4313. Change in prerequisites, schedule type, and contact hours.

MIT 5012. Change in course number, credit hours, title, prerequisites, and course description.

SOC 5683. Change in title and course number.

SOC 5821. Change in course number, credit hours, and prerequisites.

IAS 5383. Course addition.

CNS 5313. Course deletion.
MIT 5013. Course deletion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 7, 2018.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: October 5, 2018

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