

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
April 3, 2019 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, Sherri Irvin, Michael Engel, Peter Gade, Neil Houser, Tohren Kibbey, Nina Livesey, Patrick McCann, Sanna Pederson, Ken Petersen, Mirelsie Velazquez, Charles Warnken

Absent: Oluwatobi Ajagbe, Mike Biggerstaff, Susan Burke, Shane Connelly, Natalie Daugherty, Eric Heinze, Jennifer Kisamore, Keri Kornelson, James Sluss

Guests: R. Nicolle Carr, Ilhan Demiralp, Xi-Qin Ding (HSC), Amber Hasbrook, Roxanne Lyst, Ginger Murray, Matthias Nollert, Krista Pettersen, Sara Vaughan

Description of General Business

- The minutes from the March 6, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Applied Behavior Analysis graduate certificate—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Business Administration M.B.A.—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
3. Business Administration M.B.A. (Accelerated with B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering)—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
4. Business Administration M.B.A. (Accelerated with B.S. in Meteorology)—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
5. Business Administration M.B.A. (Accelerated with B.S. in Petroleum Engineering)—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
6. Chemical Engineering Ph.D.—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
7. Finance M.S. (Accelerated with B.B.A. in Accounting)—new accelerated program was unanimously approved.
8. Finance M.S. (Accelerated with B.B.A. in Finance)—new accelerated program was unanimously approved.
9. Foundations of Business graduate certificate—program requirement change was unanimously approved.
10. Mathematics M.S.—program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Interdisciplinary Degree Program

- Student request for change in the program of study on the Request for Change in Doctoral Advisory Conference Report was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

- A Member at Large nomination for Dr. Samuel Huskey was forwarded by Dean Hewes and unanimously approved by the Council.
- Graduate College Policy on Doctoral and Advisory Conference Committees

- The Council reviewed two proposed changes to the composition of doctoral and advisory conference committees. The first change allows for the option to reduce the required minimum number of committee members from five to four. This would bring OU in line with the more than 80% of peer institutions using this model. A committee size of four faculty would assist units who have a high ratio of graduate students to faculty and could provide clearer expectations of the role of each faculty member.
- The second proposed change would rename the outside member to Graduate College representative which better reflects the individual's role in representing the policies and procedures of the Graduate College.
- The proposed policy was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.
- Graduate College Course Repeat Policy
 - Dean Hewes discussed how a student may have a difficult semester due to a number of possible circumstances. They may earn a low grade in a course and may not be able to earn enough hours of A grades to return to a 3.00 GPA. The course repeat policy would allow a student to show that they can do well in the course and support the student with an opportunity to succeed in their degree program.
 - The proposed policy was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.
- Draft graduate faculty policy updates from the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee
 - This topic was tabled until the May 2019 meeting.

Reports

Dr. Xi-Qin Ding from the Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the March HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- Faculty handbook changes are occurring this year.
- Addition of a post tenure review process will be considered.
- Graduate students and postdocs are participating in the HSC GREAT (Graduate Research Education and Technology) Symposium this week, with flash talks, oral presentations, and poster sessions.

Krista Pettersen, Assistant Vice President for Academic Operations & Registrar at OU-Tulsa, offered the following on behalf of the Tulsa Graduate College:

- Dean Sluss is judging the poster sessions at the OU-Tulsa Research Week.
- They have hired a graduate recruiter.

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.

B AD 5122. Change in title, short title, prerequisites, and course description.

FIN 4413. Change in prerequisites.

FIN 4990. Change in prerequisites.

AME 5003. Course addition.

B AD 5182. Course addition.

CH E 5213. Course addition.

EDSP 5603. Course addition.
EDSP 5613. Course addition.
EDSP 5623. Course addition.
EDSP 5633. Course addition.
EDSP 5643. Course addition.
EDSP 5653. Course addition.
FIN 5422. Course addition.
H R 5253. Course addition.
H R 5293. Course addition.
H R 5303. Course addition.
H R 5393. Course addition.
H R 5873. Course addition.
H R 5883. Course addition.
MGT 5102. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 1, 2019.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: April 5, 2019

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