

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
May 1, 2019 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, Sherri Irvin, James Sluss, Jennifer Kisamore (via videoconference), Michael Biggerstaff, Shane Connelly, Michael Engel, Eric Heinze, Neil Houser, Tohren Kibbey, Nina Livesey, Patrick McCann, Mirelsie Velazquez, Charles Warnken

**Absent:** Oluwatobi Ajagbe, Susan Burke, Natalie Daugherty, Peter Gade, Keri Kornelson, Sanna Pederson, Ken Petersen

**Guests:** Rodney Bates, Erv Black, Laku Chidambaram, Barbara Holtzclaw (HSC), Ginger Murray, Sara Vaughan

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from April 3, 2019 were amended then unanimously approved as corrected.
- Dean Hewes recognized and thanked the faculty members who are completing their Graduate Council term: Shane Connelly, Peter Gade, Tohren Kibbey, and Nina Livesey. Dean Hewes also recognized and thanked the graduate students whose term is ending: Oluwatobi Ajagbe and Natalie Daugherty.

**Program Modifications and Proposals**

1. Mass Communication PhD - program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Instructional Psychology and Technology MEd - program requirement change was unanimously approved.
3. Chemical Engineering MS - program requirement change was unanimously approved.
4. Chemical Engineering Accelerated MS with Chemical Engineering BS - program requirement change was unanimously approved.
5. Business Administration MBA dual with Doctor of Pharmacy - new HSC dual degree request was unanimously approved.
6. Business Administration in Aerospace and Defense Executive MBA - new program request was unanimously approved.

**Discussion Item**

- Draft graduate faculty policy updates from the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee
  - The council completed their discussion of the proposed updates to graduate faculty appointments. Dean Hewes then reviewed the draft policy pertaining to departmental criteria for graduate faculty membership, including defining the terminal degree and tested experience.
    - The above draft policies were unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.
  - Dean Hewes discussed the proposed procedures for graduate faculty membership rescission and appeals. This discussion will continue in the fall 2019 Graduate Council meetings.

## **Reports**

Dr. Barbara Holtzclaw from the Health Sciences Center offered the following from the April HSC Graduate Council meeting; Dr. Nina Livesey submitted a report as the Norman council representative:

- The HSC Faculty Senate circulated a survey to its faculty on job satisfaction. Clinicians mentioned that they have little time to do academic research and feel they have little support from administration more generally. Moreover, there is frustration over a hiring freeze, which extends to those wishing to hire assistants to complete work on grants.
- The HSC student organization completed a successful GREAT (Graduate Research, Education, and Technology) Symposium. Fifty-seven people attended. In addition to the keynote speaker, Allison Paradise, CEO of Green Space Lab, there were poster presentations, Flash Talk competitions, vendors, and awards. The student organization was asked by the council to encourage more students to become involved and to turn to the professional schools for additional members. Also, they have been asked to conduct an online survey of the GREAT Symposium for feedback and suggestions for the future.
- The council favorably noted the recent Norman campus policy change to allow for the option to reduce the required minimum number of committee members from five to four.
- The HSC Graduate College Convocation will be held on May 11 in the Student Union. Faculty were encouraged to attend.

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

- OU-Tulsa Convocation for HSC and Norman-based programs is May 7.
- The University of Tulsa's reorganization is eliminating master's and Ph.D. programs in several academic units.

## **Course Modifications, Proposals, and Deletions**

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.

C S 5473. Change in title, short title, and course prerequisites.

ISE 4333. Change in prerequisites and graduate credit type.

ECON 6433. Course addition.

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EMAD 5382. Course addition.

EMAD 5392. Course addition.

EMAD 5402. Course addition.

EMAD 5412. Course addition.

EMAD 5422. Course addition.

EMAD 5432. Course addition.

EMAD 5442. Course addition.

EMAD 5452. Course addition.

EMAD 5472. Course addition.

EMAD 5482. Course addition.

ODYN 5293. Course addition.

ODYN 5393. Course addition.

ODYN 5413. Course addition.  
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ISE 5323. Course deletion.  
ISE 5343. Course deletion.  
ISE 5393. Course deletion.  
ISE 5523. Course deletion.  
ISE 5623. Course deletion.  
ISE 5653. Course deletion.  
ISE 5673. Course deletion.  
ISE 5843. Course deletion.  
ISE 5863. Course deletion.  
ISE 6673. Course deletion.  
ISE 6853. Course deletion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 4, 2019.

**DISTRIBUTION DATE:** May 3, 2019

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