

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 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, Jennifer Kisamore, Rokhsana Alavi, Kash Barker, Susan Burke, Michael Engel, Eric Heinze, Neil Houser, Keri Kornelson, Patrick McCann, Sanna Pederson, Ken Petersen, Rienk Vermij, Doyle Yoon

Absent: Mike Biggerstaff, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Mirelsie Velazquez, Charles Warnken

Guests: Brennah Murphy (HSC), Sara Vaughan

Description of General Business

- The minutes from the September 4, 2019 council meeting were unanimously approved.

Program Proposal and Deletions

1. Applications of Educational Research and Evaluation graduate certificate—program deletion was unanimously approved.
2. Music Performance graduate certificate—program deletion was unanimously approved.
3. Community Engagement graduate certificate—new program request was approved.

Discussion Items

- Member at Large status appointment
 - A Member at Large appointment nomination for Dr. Rangar Cline was forwarded to and approved by the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee. The full Council unanimously approved the appointment.
- Three Minute Thesis Competition satellite events
 - Dean Hewes discussed the benefits of units holding a satellite Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition. The satellite event is an opportunity for graduate students to practice their public speaking and presentation skills prior to the campus-wide preliminary rounds of the competition in January 2020. Contact the Graduate College if your unit would like information about holding a satellite event. Dean Hewes also encouraged Council members to help spread the word to attend the 3MT® finals at 1:30 p.m. on February 21, 2020 and support the finalists who will present their graduate research.
- Draft graduate faculty policy updates from the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee
 - Dean Hewes outlined the details in the draft documents Procedure for Appeal of Graduate Faculty Status and Procedure for Rescission of Graduate Faculty Status as referenced in the Graduate Faculty Charter, Article IV, Section 2 and Section 3.c., respectively. The Council unanimously approved the draft documents.

Reports

Brennah Murphy, graduate student in Pathology from the Health Sciences Center, gave the following report from the September HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- The HSC police chief discussed some safety concerns on campus expressed by the Graduate Student Association.
- Program review summary reports were provided from Neuroscience and Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- The GREAT symposium is scheduled for March 23-26, 2020.

Dr. Mike Biggerstaff, Faculty Senate representative, submitted the following from the September 9, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting:

- The Senate received a report from Provost Kyle Harper regarding the President's Academic Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PAPBAC).
 - OU is on better financial footing after cutting about \$50M in annual operating costs.
 - The savings led to about \$20M available for investment. The Provost was seeking faculty input regarding priority areas, including increased graduate student stipends, deferred maintenance, scholarships, and faculty raises, among other ideas.
 - There was a short discussion regarding development of a strategic framework for the university that would guide future resource investments. The timeframe for the framework is about 18 months.

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

- Dr. Kisamore shared the Summary of Enrollment in OU-Tulsa Courses and OU-Tulsa Student Profile data.

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.

GEOG 6953. Change in title, short title, prerequisites, and course description.

GEOG 6973. Change in title, short title, prerequisites, and course description.

GPHY 6873. Change in title, short title, course description, and semesters offered.

ECE 5643. Change in prerequisites.

CEES 5623. Course addition.

GEOG 5273. Course addition.

OCL 5603. Course addition.

OCL 5613. Course addition.

OCL 5623. Course addition.

OCL 5633. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 6, 2019.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: October 4, 2019

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