

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
November 6, 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, James Sluss (via videoconference), Jennifer Kisamore (via videoconference), Roksana Alavi, Susan Burke, Chris Cone, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Eric Heinze, Neil Houser, Keri Kornelson, Matthew Loflin, Patrick McCann, Sanna Pederson, Ken Petersen, Rienk Vermij, Vivek Vijay, Charles Warnken, Alexis Woodward

**Absent:** Kash Barker, Mike Biggerstaff, Mike Engel, Mirelsie Velazquez, Doyle Yoon

**Guests:** Mike Ihnat (OUHSC), Shad Satterthwaite, Sara Vaughan

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Program Modifications and Proposals**

1. Computer Science Ph.D., program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Criminal Justice Administration graduate certificate, new embedded certificate request was unanimously approved.
3. Drug Policy Management graduate certificate, new embedded certificate request was unanimously approved.

**Discussion Items**

- Member at Large status appointment
  - A Member at Large appointment nomination for Dr. Kalenda Eaton was forwarded to and approved by the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee. The appointment was approved by a full vote of the Council, with 15 votes in favor and one vote opposed.
- Proposed Graduate College Probation Policy
  - Dean Hewes discussed the current Graduate College Academic Probation Policy, then outlined the proposed changes. The changes will encourage a proactive approach to assisting graduate students who may find themselves in academic turmoil. If a student has a bad semester or earns a poor grade, the academic unit will be notified. The unit will have the opportunity to intervene at an early stage to monitor a student's progress, address any obstacles a student may face, and help avoid unnecessary dismissal from the program. The Council unanimously approved the probation policy changes (attached).

**Reports**

Dr. Mike Ihnat from the Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the October 17, 2019 OUHSC Graduate Council meeting:

- Students have expressed concern about their safety on campus, especially in the evening. Their concerns have been promptly addressed. The damaged blue lights on campus have been

repaired. Alternative parking locations for safe after-hours parking have been provided to students.

Dr. Mike Biggerstaff submitted a report from the Faculty Senate meeting on October 14, 2019, which included the following:

- Changes to benefits in 2020
  - The health plan is moving to Blue Cross and Blue Shield, with similar coverage and copays. There will be advocates to help with claims, personal health goals, and complex health issues. The dental and life coverage will not change.
  - The Employee Assistance Program will be served by Magellan Health.
  - There is an at-home health care component called DispatchHealth, with nurse and EMT capability to gather lab samples, etc.
- The Senate discussed OU Global. Concerns were expressed by the faculty, including teaching quality, expectations in delivering on-line content, quality of student assessment, and timeline of this initiative.

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

- In recognition of Veterans Day, the Tulsa Graduate College website will feature a graduate student who is a veteran.

### **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.

ECE 5973. Change in prerequisites, credit hours, contact hours, times repeatable; crosslisting with BME added.

DSA 5041. Course addition.

DSA 5051. Course addition.

LSIS 5483. Course addition.

CH E 5643. Course deletion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 4, 2019.

**DISTRIBUTION DATE:** November 8, 2019

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