

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2020 MINUTES
via Zoom**

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: Randy Hewes, Sherri Irvin, James Sluss, Jennifer Kisamore, Roksana Alavi, Kash Barker, Susan Burke, Chris Cone, Michael Engel, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Eric Heinze, Neil Houser, Keri Kornelson, Sanna Pederson, Ken Petersen, Laurel Smith, Mirelsie Velazquez, Vivek Vijay, Charles Warnken, Alexis Woodward, Doyle Yoon

Absent: Patrick McCann, Rienk Vermij

Guests: Lei Ding, Shayla Glover, Hunter Heyck, Michael Ihnat (HSC), John Jones, Donna Nelson, Mitchell Peck, Sara Vaughan, Erin Wolfe

Description of General Business

- The minutes from the March 4, 2020 council meeting were amended, then unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Biomedical Engineering PhD program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Business Administration MBA electronic delivery was unanimously approved.
3. Education Administration MEd electronic delivery was unanimously approved.
4. History of Science, Technology, and Medicine MA program requirement change was unanimously approved.
5. History of Science, Technology, and Medicine PhD program requirement change was unanimously approved.
6. Sociology MA Accelerated program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Information Item

- COVID-19 updates
 - Dean Hewes noted that despite technical issues, faculty are finding creative ways to teach their classes online. Graduate degree defenses are taking place online and are working fairly well. The good news for graduate assistants in Academic Affairs and Student Affairs is they will keep their assistantship through the end of the semester, including their tuition waiver and health benefits.
 - The full impact of COVID-19 on the university is still to be determined. The university's strategies for moving forward are continually evolving while holding true to this message: OU cares about its students and is committed to their wellbeing and their academic growth. We can and will make this work.

Discussion Items

- Member at Large status faculty appointment was unanimously approved.

Reports

Dr. Mike Ihnat from the Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy gave the following report from the HSC campus (the March 2020 HSC Graduate Council meeting was cancelled):

- The College of Pharmacy is making creative modifications to students' clinical rotations and other situations that have arisen with moving to online instruction.
- The GREAT Symposium scheduled for March 23-26 was cancelled.

Dr. Keri Kornelson shared the following information from the Faculty Senate meeting on March 9, 2020:

- The Senate proposed a resolution regarding the university's response to the recent racist incidents in the classroom; it is available on the Faculty Senate's website. The resolution will be brought to a vote at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

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

- Tulsa has modified their Research Week and instead will hold an online Research Day poster competition. Colleagues from the Library have helped the Graduate College to facilitate the competition. First and second place awards will be determined by division, and a People's Choice Award will be given.

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.

ACCT 5563. Change in course description; addition of slashlisting.

CEES 5843. Change in prerequisites and course description; addition of slashlisting.

EDS 5913. Change in prerequisites.

LIS 5223. Change in title, short title, and semesters offered.

NAS 5033. Change in title, short title, and course description.

NAS 5990. Change in maximum credits and semesters offered.

PSY 4920. Change in prerequisites and restrictions.

ANTH 5993. Course addition.

ARTC 5943. Course addition.

HSCI 5713. Course addition.

HSCI 5723. Course addition.

NAS 5433. Course addition.

P SC 5493. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 6, 2020.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: April 2, 2020

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