

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
May 6, 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, Patrick McCann, Sanna Pederson, Ken Petersen, Laurel Smith, Mirelsie Velazquez, Vivek Vijay, Charles Warnken, Alexis Woodward, Doyle Yoon

Absent: Rienk Vermij

Guests: Kirsten de Beurs, Guangpu Li (HSC), Sara Vaughan

Description of General Business

- The minutes from the April 1, 2020 council meeting were unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Architecture MArch program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Geography and Environmental Sustainability MS electronic delivery was unanimously approved.
3. Human Relations MHR option additions were unanimously approved.

Information Item

- Research ramp-up and graduate students
 - Dean Hewes discussed a Phase I ramp-up/restart of research plan to be distributed shortly. The plan is an opt-in program—faculty, staff, graduate students, and postdocs should not feel compelled to return to campus in Phase I.

Discussion Items

- Additional summer 2020 Graduate Council meeting(s) for SP21 program proposals
 - The priority to move toward areas of online master's programs has intensified with the COVID-19 pandemic. If additional proposals for online programs are submitted in the coming weeks, a special summer Graduate Council meeting may be necessary to review them in a timely manner.
- A Member at Large status faculty appointment was unanimously approved.

Reports

Dr. Guangpu Li from the Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the April 16, 2020 HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- Topics discussed included graduate faculty appointments, a faculty senate report, and several issues presented by the Graduate Student Association. A complete review of all graduate programs is nearing completion.

Dr. Keri Kornelson shared the following information from the Faculty Senate meetings on April 13 and May 4:

- The proposed resolution regarding the university's response to the recent racist incidents in the classroom was tabled until the fall.
- Interim President Harroz spoke about COVID-19 and the university's response.
- Provost Harper and Vice Provost Morvant discussed a draft plan of what the university will do academically if students are on campus in the fall.

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

- Tulsa is planning a partial reopening beginning May 11, involving mainly operations and clinical staff. The library plans to reopen May 18. The Tulsa campus includes Health Sciences Center- and Norman-based programs. The HSC programs will have face-to-face instruction this summer, and the Norman programs will be online.

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 5023. Change in title, short title, prerequisites, and course description.

EDSP 5623. Change in prerequisites.

FIN 5342. Change in prerequisites and course description.

FIN 5352. Change in short title, prerequisites, and course description.

FIN 5362. Change in prerequisites.

FIN 5382. Change in prerequisites.

GEOG 5513. Change in title, short title, and prerequisites.

JMC 5773. Change in title, short title, course description, and semesters offered.

RCPL 5463. Change in schedule type.

AME 5183. Course addition.

CEES 5643. Course addition.

H R 5022. Course addition.

H R 5122. Course addition.

METR 5643. Course addition.

SOC 5713. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 2, 2020.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: May 7, 2020

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