

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
October 7, 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, James Sluss, Sherri Irvin, Liz Karr, Jennifer Kisamore, Roksana Alavi, Sally Beach, Kalenda Eaton, Michael Engel, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Kirsten Hextrum, Eric Heinze, Dean Hougen, Keri Kornelson, Chloe Noyori-Corbett, Sanna Pederson, Laurel Smith, Charles Warnken, Doyle Yoon

Absent: Kash Barker, Ken Petersen

Guests: Lei Ding, Peter Gade, Dipankar Ghosh, Shayla Glover, Belinda Hyppolite, Mike Ihnat (HSC), Nicola Manos, Kristi Meyers, Sara Vaughan, Mirelsie Velazquez

Description of General Business

- The minutes from the September 2, 2020 council meeting were unanimously approved.

Information Item

- Dr. Belinda Higgs Hyppolite discussed how the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion provides support for faculty, staff, and students across the three campuses. She shared how they fit in with the recently-approved Norman campus Strategic Plan and discussed how their office centers their efforts around awareness, education, and advocacy.

Program Modifications, Proposals, and Deletions

1. Biomedical Engineering MS program requirement change was approved.
2. Biomedical Engineering MS Accelerated with Biomedical Engineering BS program requirement change was unanimously approved.
3. Biomedical Engineering MS Accelerated with Chemical Engineering Biotechnology BS accelerated program deletion was unanimously approved.
4. Biomedical Engineering MS Accelerated with Chemical Engineering Pre-Medical BS accelerated program deletion was unanimously approved.
5. Data Science and Analytics MS program requirement change was unanimously approved.
6. Industrial and Systems Engineering MS electronic delivery request was unanimously approved.
7. Renewables EMBA new program request was unanimously approved.
8. Journalism and Mass Communication MA option addition was unanimously approved.
9. Educational Studies PhD program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item

- Thesis/dissertation final term timelines
 - Dean Hewes recently presented the proposed changes to the thesis/dissertation final term timelines at the biannual meeting of the graduate liaisons. After receiving feedback, particularly about the master's thesis timeline, the Graduate College is taking some

additional time to consider changes to the proposed master's thesis timeline before sending the proposal to the faculty for their input.

Reports

Dr. Mike Ihnat from the Health Sciences Center and Norman representative Eugenia Fuenzalida gave the following report from the September 17, 2020 HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- The Graduate College hopes to hold the GREAT Symposium as both an in-person and virtual event in March 2021.
- The College has added a new virtual orientation page to their website.

Dr. Keri Kornelson shared the following details from the September 14, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting:

- The Title IX Office recently received some new federal directives. However, there was no change to the mandate that everyone is still a mandatory reporter.
- There should be a search for the vacant Ombudsperson position in the coming months.
- Faculty should feel free to reach out to any of the Senators or the Executive Committee if there are any issues they would like to discuss.

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 4273. Change in title, short title, and course prerequisites.

C S 5043. Change in course prerequisites.

C S 5113. Change in title, short title, course prerequisites, and course description.

CEES 5933. Change in title, short title, course prerequisites, and course description.

EDS 5823. Reactivated course; change in semesters offered.

GEOG 5113. Change in title, short title, course prerequisites, and course description.

JMC 5883. Reactivated course; change in title, short title, course prerequisites, restrictions, course description, and semesters offered.

LSAL 5903. Change in course prerequisites.

LSAL 5953. Change in course prerequisites and restrictions.

BME 5971. Course addition.

CEES 5963. Course addition.

EMBA 5281. Course addition.

EMBA 5291. Course addition.

EMBA 5301. Course addition.

EMBA 5312. Course addition.

EMBA 5322. Course addition.

EMBA 5331. Course addition.

EMBA 5341. Course addition.

EMBA 5351. Course addition.

EMBA 5361. Course addition.

EMBA 5371. Course addition.

EMBA 5381. Course addition.
EMBA 5391. Course addition.
EMBA 5403. Course addition.
JMC 5293. Course addition.
JMC 5343. Course addition.
JMC 5813. Course addition.
JMC 5823. Course addition.
JMC 5863. Course addition.
JMC 5873. Course addition.
JMC 5893. Course addition.
METR 5013. Course addition.
MUTH 5811. Course addition.
MUTH 5821. Course addition.
MUTH 5812. Course deletion.
MUTH 5822. Course deletion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 4, 2020.

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