

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
November 4, 2020 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:** James Sluss, Sherri Irvin, Liz Karr, Jennifer Kisamore, Rokhsana Alavi, Sally Beach, Kalenda Eaton, Michael Engel, Eric Heinze, Dean Hougen, Chloe Noyori-Corbett, Kirsten Hextrum, Keri Kornelson, Sanna Pederson, Laurel Smith, Charles Warnken, Doyle Yoon

**Absent:** Kash Barker, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Ken Petersen

**Guests:** Michelle Brown, Kristy Brugar, Emily Jones (HSC), Sara Vaughan, Cathy Yeaman

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from the October 7, 2020 council meeting were unanimously approved.

**Program Modifications and Proposals**

- 1a. Aerospace and Defense EMBA program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 1b. Executive Management in Aerospace and Defense graduate certificate program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Clinical Mental Health Counseling MCMHC new Tulsa program was unanimously approved.
3. Communication, Culture, and Pedagogy for Hispanic Populations in Educational Settings graduate certificate program suspension was unanimously approved.
4. Dance MFA program requirement change was unanimously approved.
5. Human Relations MHR program requirement change was unanimously approved.

**Discussion Item**

- Classification of master's programs (research, academic, professional) and selection of a working group to assess policies and make recommendations.
  - Associate Dean Liz Karr talked about how new federal guidelines regarding licensure, along with an increase in non-thesis degree options with the launch of OU Online, have prompted a closer look at whether the policies in the Graduate College Bulletin serve non-thesis degree programs appropriately. Associate Dean Karr will reach out to Graduate Council members to form a working group to review the current policies.

**Reports**

Dr. Emily Jones from the Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the October 15, 2020 HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- Dr. Rebecka Bourn, the new Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, was introduced.
- The PhD program in Nursing underwent a program review through a virtual site visit.
- Graduate students are planning the Spring 2021 GREAT Symposium using a virtual platform.
- The Graduate College has a new virtual orientation page on their website.

Dr. Keri Kornelson shared the following details from the October 12, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting:

- SGA representatives attended the meeting to discuss a student petition to have Pass/No Pass options for students this fall. The primary reason is to allay some of the stress being felt by

students during COVID challenges, online instruction challenges, etc. It is not up to the Senate to decide this, but they agreed to check with their constituents to see how faculty are feeling.

- The Senate website recently added a “latest news” section with informal notes, Chairs’ reports, and other information.

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

- Tulsa once again will host a satellite 3MT competition on January 12, 2021 which will be open to Norman- and HSC-program students.
- They are working with their marketing and communications department to highlight graduate students who are veterans as Veterans Day approaches.

### **Course Modifications and Proposals**

The following course modifications and proposals have been approved by the Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Provost’s Office 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.

DANC 5224. Change in course prerequisites, times repeatable, and maximum credits.

DANC 5324. Change in course prerequisites, times repeatable, and maximum credits.

DANC 5613. Change in course prerequisites; addition of repeatable, times repeatable, and maximum credits.

DANC 5813. Change in course prerequisites, course description, credit hours, and contact hours.

EDS 5023. Course reactivation.

EMAD 5302. Change in course title and short title.

EMAD 5432. Change in course title, short title, and course description.

FIN 5372. Change in course prerequisites.

SOC 6373. Change in course title, short title, restrictions, and course description; remove option to repeat; change in schedule type.

AME 5013. Course addition.

AME 5043. Course addition.

BME 5013. Course addition.

DANC 5322. Course addition.

DANC 5713. Course addition.

FIN 5442. Course addition.

IAS 5443. Course addition.

IAS 5483. Course addition.

LIS 5693. Course addition.

RCPL 5063. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 2, 2020.

**DISTRIBUTION DATE:** November 9, 2020

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<http://www.ou.edu/content/gradcollege/faculty-and-staff-resources/graduate-council.html>