

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2021
3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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: Sherri Irvin, Liz Karr, Jennifer Kisamore, Roksana Alavi, Kash Barker, Sally Beach, Kalenda Eaton, Michael Engel, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Eric Heinze, Kirsten Hextrum, Dean Hougen, Keri Kornelson, Chloe Noyori-Corbett, Farid Omoumi, Sanna Pederson, Ken Petersen, Christina Schwartz, Charles Warnken, Doyle Yoon

Absent: Laurel Smith

Guests: Steven Gullberg, Emily Jones (HSC), Johnnie-Margaret McConnell, Claude Miller, Sara Vaughan

Description of General Business

- The minutes from the January 20, 2021 council meeting were amended, then unanimously approved.

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Communication MA program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Integrative Studies MA concentration addition program requirement change was unanimously approved.
3. Secondary Transition Education Specialist graduate certificate program requirement change was unanimously approved.

Information Items

- The spring meeting of the graduate liaisons and administrators will be February 16th. Topics for discussion include the final term timeline, virtual recruitment events, and the Graduate College dashboard.
 - Senior Associate Dean Irvin added that a new version of the proposed final semester timelines, revised in response to academic unit feedback, would be shared and discussed.
- The finals for the Three Minute Thesis Competition will be held in a virtual format on Friday, February 26th at 1:30 p.m. A Zoom connection link will be emailed out soon.

Discussion Item

- Policies for remote participation in defenses and other graduate milestones
 - Senior Associate Dean Irvin shared that the Graduate College is reviewing its policies for remote participation post-COVID. Council members stressed the importance of gathering feedback from academic units about their experiences with holding defenses in both virtual as well as blended formats.

Reports

Dr. Emily Jones from the Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the January 21, 2021 HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- Preparations continue for the GREAT Conference March 22-25.
- HSC students have requested additional writing seminars regarding grants and publications. They would also like more resources on fellowships and paying their estimated taxes.
- Program reviews will be virtual this academic year. Efforts are underway to streamline the process.
- The HSC graduate faculty appointment process needs to be streamlined. The Graduate College will work with IT to find a solution.
- There is a new virtual orientation page on the HSC Graduate College website for new graduate students.

Dr. Keri Kornelson shared the following from the Faculty Senate:

- The Executive Committee is aware of the issues concerning Blue Cross and will be looking into what can be done.

Dr. Jennifer Kisamore, Associate Dean of the Tulsa Graduate College, offered the following:

- The Tulsa campus is looking forward to the Town Hall with President Harroz on February 19.
- Research week will be held in April. The following link provides details of this annual event: https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/Tulsa/scmresearch/docs/RF2021_CallForAbstractsBook_Final.pdf.

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.

LSIS 5233. Change in subject code and course number.

LSIS 5253. Change in subject code and course number.

SOC 5713. Change in title and short title.

A HI 6213. Course addition.

A HI 6523. Course addition.

CH E 5223. Course addition.

GPHY 4553. Course addition.
NAS 5143. Course addition.
NAS 5153. Course addition.
NAS 5163. Course addition.
NAS 5223. Course addition.
NAS 5233. Course addition.
NAS 5243. Course addition.
S WK 5003. Course addition.
SOC 5143. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 3, 2021.

DISTRIBUTION DATE: February 4, 2021

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