

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
March 3, 2021**

**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:** Randy Hewes, James Sluss, Sherri Irvin, Liz Karr, Jennifer Kisamore, Rokana Alavi, Kash Barker, Sally Beach, Michael Engel, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Kirsten Hextrum, Dean Hougen, Keri Kornelson, Chloe Noyori-Corbett, Sanna Pederson, Laurel Smith, Charles Warnken, Doyle Yoon

**Absent:** Kalenda Eaton, Eric Heinze, Farid Omoumi, Ken Petersen, Christina Schwartz

**Guests:** Marjorie Callahan, Casey Gerber, Matthew Reyes, Sara Vaughan, Daniel Zhao (HSC)

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from the February 3, 2021 council meeting were unanimously approved.

**Program Modifications and Proposals**

1. Architecture via other pre-arch 3-year MArch program requirement change was unanimously approved.
2. Construction Management MCB program requirement change was unanimously approved.
3. Geospatial Technologies graduate certificate program requirement change was unanimously approved.
4. Music Education MMed concentration addition was unanimously approved.

**Information Item**

- 3MT<sup>®</sup> final competition
  - The First Place and People's Choice Award Winner is Ali Rassi from the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering. The Runner-up is Puthynan Bin from the School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science.
  - Ali Rassi will submit his video presentation to the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools 3MT<sup>®</sup> Competition as part of their annual meeting. The top three presentations will be shown on the final day, and the presenters will be invited to log in to the meeting.

**Discussion Items**

- Updates on thesis and dissertation final semester timeline
  - Senior Associate Dean Sherri Irvin reported that further revisions have been made to the proposed thesis and dissertation final semester timeline. The timeline for both degrees has been extended for only one week. Adjustments to the timeline have been made for the SHAREOK submission, the defense date, and the authority to defend request.

- PharmD/MBA dual degree program, MBA admissions policy
  - Associate Dean Liz Karr stated that PharmD students normally have not completed a bachelor's degree before entering their program. The Graduate College is developing a policy to admit these students to the MBA with some safeguards in place. After completing a combination of general education, lower-level science courses, and advanced science coursework, an applicant could be considered for the MBA portion of the degree.

## **Reports**

Dr. Daniel Zhao from the Health Sciences Center and Norman council member Dr. Eugenia Fuenzalida who attended their meeting gave the following report from the February HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- The topic of updating policies regarding virtual opportunities for classes and defenses was discussed, with opinions expressed on both sides of the topic.
- Discussion continues about the need for an improved system for requesting graduate faculty appointments.
- There is ongoing discussion about access to libraries and other resources that may be impacted by the level of internet connection held by faculty and students.

Dr. Keri Kornelson gave the following report from the recent Faculty Senate meeting:

- The University Libraries Scholarly Communication Taskforce has been discussing topics related to the future of publishing. The following link provides more information: <https://libraries.ou.edu/content/university-libraries-committee---scholarly-communication-taskforce>.
- OU Institutional Equity Officer Shaniqua Crawford gave a presentation to the Faculty Senate. She welcomes the opportunity to meet with various groups and share details about her office. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.ou.edu/eoo>.
- The Faculty Senate passed an updated version to the firearm policy, which can be viewed here: [https://faculty senate.ou.edu/FirearmsOnCampusResolution\\_February2021.pdf](https://faculty senate.ou.edu/FirearmsOnCampusResolution_February2021.pdf).

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

- OU-Tulsa's Research Week 2021 will include the following virtual events:
  - April 5, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Panel
  - April 6, Lightning Round Session 1
  - April 7, Presidential Research Series: Culinary Medicine and Iron Gate
  - April 8, Lightning Round Session 2
  - April 9, Research Forum Winning Presentations and Awards Ceremony
- Event details are available at: [bit.ly/ResearchWeek2021](http://bit.ly/ResearchWeek2021).

## **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. Contact the Graduate Council Secretary, Linda Kelly, at 325-3106, if you wish to review any of these materials.

Request for New Course Designator—HSTM, History of Science, Technology, and Medicine. The Department of History of Science is changing its name to the Department of History of Science, Technology, and Medicine. Courses with the HSCI prefix are requested to change to HSTM prefix.

AVIA 4983. Change in course prerequisites and restrictions.

CHEM 4033. Removal of graduate credit.

CHEM 4333. Removal of graduate credit.

CHEM 4444. Removal of graduate credit.

MIS 4663. Change in course prerequisites.

ODYN 5183. Change in course prerequisites and default grade mode.

ECON 5223. Course addition.

LIS 5723. Course addition.

MUED 5312. Course addition.

MUED 5322. Course addition.

MUED 5334. Course addition.

RCPL 5273. Course addition.

RCPL 5283. Course addition.

RCPL 5293. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 7, 2021.

**DISTRIBUTION DATE:** March 5, 2021

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