

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
April 7, 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, Jim Sluss, Sherri Irvin, Liz Karr, Jennifer Kisamore, Rokhana Alavi, Kash Barker, Sally Beach, Michael Engel, Eugenia Fuenzalida, Kirsten Hextrum, Dean Hougen, Keri Kornelson, Chloe Noyori-Corbett, Farid Omoumi, Sanna Pederson, Charles Warnken, Doyle Yoon

Absent: Kalenda Eaton, Eric Heinze, Ken Petersen, Christina Schwartz, Laurel Smith

Guests: Tabitha Garwe (HSC) Rouzbeh Moghanloo, Katie Shapiro, Sara Vaughan

Description of General Business

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

Program Modifications and Proposals

1. Natural Gas Engineering and Management MS program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 2a. Regional and City Planning MRCP program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 2b. Regional and City Planning Accelerated MRCP with BA in Environmental Sustainability program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 2c. Regional and City Planning Accelerated MRCP with BS in Environmental Sustainability program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 2d. Regional and City Planning Accelerated MRCP with BA in Geography program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 2e. Regional and City Planning Accelerated MRCP with BS in Geography program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 2f. Regional and City Planning Accelerated MRCP with BA in Geographic Information Studies program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- 2g. Regional and City Planning Accelerated MRCP with BS in Geographic Information Studies program requirement change was unanimously approved.
3. Regional and City Planning Accelerated MRCP with BS in Environmental Design new accelerated program was unanimously approved.

Information Item

- OU student wins the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Regional 3MT® Competition
 - Ali Rassi, School of Industrial and Systems Engineering master's student, won the regional competition with his presentation "From Bench-tops to the Operating Rooms: 3D Printed Implants." He will participate in the virtual competition at the Annual Meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools in December.

Discussion Item

- PharmD/MBA dual degree program, MBA admissions policy
 - Dean Hewes and Associate Dean Karr reminded the council that students are normally admitted to a graduate program with a conferred bachelor's degree or are enrolled in an accelerated degree program. Students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program have not been awarded a bachelor's degree; consequently, specific guidelines regarding academic standing and satisfactory progress have been created for students interested in pursuing a dual PharmD/Master of Business Administration degree. A motion to approve these guidelines was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.

Reports

Dr. Tabitha Garwe from the Health Sciences Center gave the following report from the March HSC Graduate Council meeting:

- There is a need for supercomputing access at the Health Sciences Center. An invitation will be extended to Dr. Henry Neeman from the OU Supercomputing Center to speak to the council about this issue.

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

- The Graduate Certificate in Community Engagement has been approved by the State Regents. Faculty from the HSC and Norman campuses will collectively support the community engagement and transdisciplinary efforts of the Tulsa faculty.

New Business

- Senior Associate Dean Sherri Irvin asked for council members to encourage all master's and doctoral students in Norman-based programs to complete the gradSERU survey (Graduate Student Experience in the Research University), which launched on April 6. The University of Minnesota is administering the survey on behalf of OU. Additional information can be found in this OU Daily article: https://www.oudaily.com/news/my-goal-is-to-hold-us-accountable-ou-graduate-college-creates-survey-to-address-strengths/article_7492f1da-9626-11eb-a5fa-b330f7cb87bf.html.

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 lindakelly@ou.edu, if you wish to review any of these materials.

ACCT 5643. Change in course number.

DSA 5031. Change in course title, short title, and course description.

DSA 5061. Course addition.

HIST 6500. Course addition.

NAS 5423. Course addition.

RCPL 5263. Course addition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 5, 2021.

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