UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
September 2, 2015 MINUTES
Hester 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: Lee Williams, William Ray (via videoconference), Janis Paul, Frances Ayres, Emmanuelle Chiocca, Ahmad Ghassemi, Phil Gibson, Rhiannon Griffin, Tohren Kibbey, Martin Montminy, David Moxley, Jackson Rushing, Katerina Tsetsura, Christopher Varjas, Charles Warnken, Todd Wuestewald

Absent: Sally Beach, Changwook Kim, Hollie Mackey, Mark Meo, Mark Raymond, Robert Terry, Susan Walden

Guests: Crystal Clayton, Ulli Nollert, Hans-Peter Wachter, Francene Weatherby (HSC)

Description of General Business
- The minutes from June 3, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Interdisciplinary Proposals
- Hans-Peter Wachter’s interdisciplinary doctoral program proposal was approved. All votes were in favor; two members abstained from the vote.

Program Modifications and Proposals
- The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering (Biotech) / Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering (Pre-Med) / Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering (Standard) / Master of Science in Chemical Engineering program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The Graduate Business Certificate in Energy proposal was unanimously approved.
- The Master of Education in Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The Doctor of Philosophy in Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum program requirement change was unanimously approved.
- The Graduate Certificate in Media Management proposal was unanimously approved.
- The Graduate Certificate in Strategic Planning proposal was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items
- The Review of the GEM Presentation for Deans’ Council Meeting item was tabled for a later meeting.
• **GPA/Probation Language for Bulletin and Big XII Comparison.** Dean Williams gave an overview of some of the current problems with GPA calculation and probation: the GPA calculation and probation process is very manual, academic departments may calculate them differently from the Graduate College and not wish the student to be put on probation yet, etc. It was asked if accelerated students can go on probation before being kicked out of the accelerated program if their GPAs dip below a 3.0 but currently, they cannot. They could continue with a standalone master’s but would not be able to double count courses with the bachelor’s degree as they would in the accelerated program.

**FYI Item**

• Memorandum regarding accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Information Studies and Master of Library and Information Studies: the degrees involved in this accelerated program will be awarded sequentially, rather than simultaneously.

**Course Changes**

The following course changes and proposals have been unanimously 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, Stephanie Powers, at 325-4706 if you wish to review any of these materials.

B AD 5101. Course addition.
B AD 5201. Course addition.
ENGB 5182. Change in prerequisite.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 7, 2015.

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