



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

OU Graduate College Conference Room, Robertson Hall 311

Guests: Contact Graduate Council secretary, [Elizabeth Irick](#), for information

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, Liz Karr, June Abbas, Amit Baishya, Loretta Bass, Mike Engel, Sara Ernst, Libby Ryan, Brenda Salgado, Radhika Santhanam, Samer Shehata, Jenny Sperling, Doyle Yoon

Guests: Elizabeth Irick, Kim Mahre, Kristi Meyers, Stephanie Powers

Absent: Summer Edwards, Madalina Furis, Caroline Lancaster, Madalina Furis,

General Business

1. The minutes from the December 3, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.
2. All course modifications, proposals, and deletions (see last page) were unanimously approved.
3. Program modifications, proposals, and deletions:
 - The following program modifications, proposals, and deletions for the Gallogly College of Engineering were unanimously approved:
 - Biomedical Engineering M.S. – program requirement change
 - Biomedical Engineering B.S. – M.S. accelerated – administrative requirement change
 - The following program modifications, proposals, and deletions for the Price College of Business were unanimously approved:
 - Accounting B.B.A.
 - Management of Information and Technology M.S. accelerated – administrative requirement change
 - Finance M.S. accelerated - administrative requirement change
 - Construction Science B.S. – Finance M.S. accelerated - administrative requirement change

- Digital Marketing Graduate Certificate - program requirement change
 - Economics B.B.A. – Management of Information and Technology M.S. accelerated – program inactivation
 - Entrepreneurship & Venture Management B.B.A. – Management of Information and Technology M.S. accelerated – program inactivation
 - Finance B.B.A.
 - Finance M.S. accelerated – administrative requirement change
 - Management of Information and Technology M.S. accelerated – administrative requirement change
 - Finance M.S. – program requirement change
 - Mathematics B.A. – Finance M.A. accelerated – administrative requirement change
 - Management Information Systems B.B.A. – Management of Information and Technology M.S. accelerated - administrative requirement change
 - Management of Information and Technology M.S. – program requirement change
 - Management B.B.A. – Management of Information and Technology M.S. accelerated – program inactivation
 - Marketing B.B.A. - Management of information and Technology M.A. accelerated – program inactivation
 - Supply Chain Management B.B.A. – Management of Information and Technology M.S. accelerated – program inactivation
 - The following program modifications, proposals, and deletions for the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts were unanimously approved:
 - Drama M.A. – program suspension
4. New Course Designator Request: DSAI was unanimously approved.
 5. Graduate Faculty member-at-large appointments for Dr. Andrea Benjamin and Mr. Marwin Begaye were unanimously approved.

New Business: Dean Hewes discussed the merger goals for the Norman and HC Graduate Colleges becoming one and growing the graduate degree programs.

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, Elizabeth Irick, at 405-325-3811, if you wish to review any of these materials.

ACCT 5353. Course change request.
AME 5273. Course change request.
BME 4813. Course change request.
BME 5153. New course proposal.
C S 5153. Course change request.
C S 5233. New course proposal.
CH E 5583. Course change request.
CH E 5623. New course proposal.
CRJU 5173. New course proposal.
ECON 5083. New course proposal.
ECON 5093. New course proposal.
ECON 5333. New course proposal.
GEOL 5101. New course proposal.
I D 5564. Course change request.
JMC 5403. Course change request.
MIS 4313. Course change request.
MIS 4693. Course change request.
MIS 5742. Course change request.
MKT 5752. Course change request.
MKT 5792. Course change request.
MST 5453. New course proposal.
MULI 5553. New course proposal.
P SC 5273. Course change request.
P SC 5433. Course change request.
P SC 5603. Course change request.

Reports: Dean Hewes discussed the differences and similarities between the Norman and HC Campus Graduate Councils. No new information to share. Faculty Senate meets in February.

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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 4, 2026.

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