



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 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, Loretta Bass, Summer Edwards, Mike Engel, Sara Ernst, Caroline Lancaster, Libby Ryan, Mrinal Saha, Brenda Salgado, Radhika Santhanam, Samer Shehata, Jenny Sperling, Doyle Yoon

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

Absent: Amit Baishya, Madalina Furis

General Business

1. The minutes from the February 4, 2026, 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 Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture were unanimously approved:
 - Arch 3.5+1.5 BS – Arch MS, program requirement change
 - Arch via Arch B Degree-M. Arch, program requirement change
 - ENV Des B.S.-M.R.C.P., admin requirement change
 - The following program modifications, proposals, and deletions for the Price College of Business were unanimously approved:
 - Econ BBA-Finance M.S., program requirement change
 - The following program modifications, proposals, and deletions for the Gallogly College of Engineering were unanimously approved:
 - Chemical Engineering M.S., course proposal

- Chemical Engineering B.S.-M.S. accelerated, program requirement change
- Computer Science M.S., program requirement change
- Computer Engineering B.S., Computer Science M.S., program requirement change
- Computer Science B.S.-M.S., program requirement change
- Computer Engineering B.S. – ECE M.S. program requirement change
- ECE B.S.-M.S. program requirement change
- ECE M.S. program requirement change
- ECE PhD, program requirement change

4. Health Campus and OU merger: Dean Hewes

- The Graduate College is working with MarComm to create a single web page for the college.
- A merger task force working group is cataloguing similarities and differences across the Norman and Health Campus Graduate Bulletins with the goal of establishing a single Graduate Bulletin to cover all of OU. Policies with the same intent but slightly different language will be reworded to establish a single policy section to cover both campuses. Efforts to synchronize other areas of policy may require substantially more engagement with stakeholders to determine the best path forward. Some of these kinds of updates could require 2-3 years to complete. All policy changes will come forward to the respective Graduate Councils for approval.
- Another merger task force working group has been established to consider how to move toward a single graduate faculty for the university. The working group has faculty representatives from both the Health Campus (Shannon Conley, Cell Biology; Elizabeth Hile, Rehabilitation Sciences; Sree Logan, Biochemistry & Physiology) and Norman Campus (Doyle Yoon, Journalism & Mass Communication; Kash Barker, Industrial & Systems Engineering; Ann West, Chemistry and Biochemistry) as well as associate deans from both campuses and the Graduate College staff in support. The working group's charge is first to examine graduate faculty appointment types on each campus, as well as the processes by which these graduate faculty



appointments are made, and to prepare a set of recommendations for a consolidated process for managing graduate faculty appointments going forward. The working group's second charge is to consider and prepare a set of recommendations for how OU might move toward having a single Graduate Council, with various subcommittees and procedures as needed, to effectively serve the entire university. Implementation of some of these changes will require votes of both current Graduate Councils. For changes to Graduate Faculty and Graduate Council Charters, votes of the entire graduate faculty and approval by the OU Board of Regents will be needed.

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.

ACS 5513. Course change request.

ACS 5533. New course proposal.

ENT 5202. New course proposal.

ENT 5212. New course proposal.

P E 5683. Course change request.

Reports: No new items to report

- OUHSC Graduate Council
- OU Faculty Senate

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 1, 2026.

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