



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

September 2, 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, Kristy Brugar, Elinor Martin, April Millaway-Axton, Charles Finocchiaro, Daniel Larson, Doyle Yoon, Jenny Sperling, Jermain Thibodeaux, Madalina Furis, Paul Feller-Simmons, Radhika Shehata, Summer Edwards, Sam Jensen, Benjamin Fellman

Guests: Elizabeth Irick, Kim Mahre, Kristi Meyers, Jeff Rutherford

Absent: Samer Shehata

General Business

1. The minutes from the May 2, 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 Gallogly College of Engineering were unanimously approved.
 - Data Science & Analytics MS accel. w/Industrial & Systems ENG BS – program deletion
 - Industrial & Systems ENG MS accel. w/Systems ENG Analytics BS – program deletion
 - The following program modifications, proposals, and deletions for the Gaylord College of Journalism & Mass Communication were unanimously approved.
 - Strategic Comm. & Digital Strategy MA – program modification
4. The Graduate Faculty member-at-large appointments for Dr. Rodney Bates, Dr. Geneva Murray, and Dr. Carrie Schroeder were unanimously approved.
5. Dean Hewes discussed the international student visa changes and implications for doctoral time to degree. Credit hour requirements and statistics were discussed.

Reports: No new items to report

- OUHSC Graduate Council
- OU Faculty Senate



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.

CEES 5413. New course proposal.
EDSP 6703. New course proposal.
EIPT 6143. Course change request.
EIPT 6163. Course change request.
EIPT 6213. Course change request.
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EIPT 6323. Course change request.
EIPT 6343. Course change request.
EIPT 6433. Course change request.
EIPT 6533. Course change request.
EIPT 6920. Course change request.
EIPT 6093. New course proposal.
EIPT 5980. Course change request.
P E. 5713. Course change request
P E. 5783. New course proposal.
RCPL 5893. Course change request.
RCPL 5143. New course proposal.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 7, 2026.

Minutes distributed September 3, 2026.

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