

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
October 6, 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, Sally Beach, Mark Meo, David Moxley, Jackson Rushing, Charles Warnken, Todd Wuestewald

**Absent:** Frances Ayres, Emmanuelle Chiocca, Ahmad Ghassemi, Phil Gibson, Rhiannon Griffin, Tohren Kibbey, Changwook Kim, Hollie Mackey, Martin Montminy, Mark Raymond, Robert Terry, Katerina Tsetsura, Christopher Varjas, Susan Walden

**Guests:** Carol Dionne (HSC)

**Description of General Business**

- The minutes from September 2, 2015 were unanimously approved.

**Program Modifications and Proposals**

- The **Doctor of Philosophy in English** program requirement change was unanimously approved.

**Discussion Items**

- **Review of the GEM Presentation for Deans' Council Meeting.** Dean Williams spoke briefly about the ongoing Graduate Enrollment Management initiative and the larger One University initiative to integrate various university systems and databases into a "one-stop shopping" environment for users.
- **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. The Graduate College wishes to implement a simplified system to replace the current probation process. Simply put, when a graduate student receives a grade lower than A or B, the department will be notified and one of four actions will be taken: the student will either receive an academic notice, receive an academic warning, have a hold placed on his/her enrollment until the department petitions on his/her behalf, or be dismissed from the program. Dean Ray pointed out that the third option is essentially a dismissal if the department chooses not to petition, so the second warning letter should mention that possibility. Dean Ray also commented that if a student earns all 'B' grades and one 'C' grade, the student will not have a 3.0 GPA overall required to graduate but will only receive one warning letter at the time the 'C' grade is earned. Dr. Dionne suggested programming a targeted GPA calculation from the transcript (excluding any courses the student has taken but which do not apply to the degree) to check the GPAs of students who have received warnings, and Dean Williams explained we may soon have the technological

capability to do this. Dr. Rushing asked about what steps departments would take to dismiss underperforming students and Dr. Wuestewald wondered if this new policy could encompass other degree requirements such as comprehensive exams; Dean Williams explained that the idea for the new management system is to provide more detailed tracking and communication customization for departments to use to contact students. Revised language will be presented at the next Graduate Council meeting in November for a potential vote in December.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Dr. Terry provided the following report on the meeting of the OU Health Sciences Center Graduate Council on September 17, 2015:
  - Course and Curriculum committee reported on a Scientific Writing for Journal-type Publications being developed.
  - The Graduate Faculty Appointment Committee report was presented and several appointments were approved.
  - The Faculty Senate Report at OU-HSC was presented. The main concerns were mostly financial – issues of salary inversions and Fidelity Retirement Account Fees. There were also questions about what changing tenure requirements means for Clinical Faculty
  - There was some discussion of GEM – the Graduate Enrollment System and the Big 12 Dean’s Council and Certificate Programs. Further discussion was postponed until more information was gathered.
  - Finally, there was a discussion of Biostatistics Service Availability for Research... especially for Graduate students
  - Next meeting is to be held on October 15 at noon.

### **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.

CEES 4253. Addition of graduate credit.

CEES 5603. Change in title. Change in description. Change in semester offered.

CH E 5163. Change in title.

CNS 5003. Change in prerequisite.

CNS 5353. Change in prerequisite.

COMM 5313. Remove crosslisting.

ECE 5733. Course addition.

EDEC 5930. Course addition.

GERM 5353. Course addition.

GERM 5643. Change in title. Change in prerequisite. Change in description.

H R 5603. Course addition.

H R 5623. Course addition.

H R 5633. Course addition.

H R 5643. Course addition.  
H R 5653. Course addition.  
H R 5663. Course addition.  
H R 5673. Course addition.  
H R 5683. Course addition.  
H R 5693. Course addition.  
H R 5763. Course addition.  
JMC 5533. Course addition.  
JMC 5593. Course addition.  
KM 5023. Course deletion.  
KM 5033. Course deletion.  
KM 5043. Course deletion.  
KM 5053. Course deletion.  
KM 5063. Course deletion.  
KM 5223. Course deletion.  
KM 5263. Course deletion.  
KM 5413. Course deletion.  
KM 5433. Course deletion.  
KM 5453. Course deletion.  
KM 5473. Course deletion.  
KM 5523. Course deletion.  
KM 5553. Course deletion.  
KM 5603. Course deletion.  
KM 5653. Course deletion.  
KM 5673. Course deletion.  
KM 5683. Course deletion.  
KM 5713. Course deletion.  
KM 5723. Course deletion.  
KM 5823. Course deletion.  
KM 5920. Course deletion.  
KM 5940. Course deletion.  
KM 5960. Course deletion.  
KM 5970. Course deletion.  
KM 5980. Course deletion.  
KM 5990. Course deletion.  
LIS 5023. Remove crosslisting.  
LIS 5043. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5053. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5223. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5413. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5473. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5653. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5683. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5920. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5940. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5960. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.

LIS 5980. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LIS 5990. Remove crosslisting. Change in prerequisite.  
LSCJ 5063. Change in prerequisite.  
LSTD 5043. Change in prerequisite.  
LSTD 5083. Change in prerequisite.  
MATH 5093. Change in prerequisite.  
MATH 5123. Change in prerequisite.  
MATH 5263. Allow repeat with change in content.  
MATH 5653. Change in prerequisite.  
NAS 5050. Course deletion.  
NAS 5353. Change in course number.  
P SC 5383. Change in crosslisting. Change in description. Change in semester offered.  
PHIL 5143. Change in prerequisite. Remove crosslisting.  
PHIL 5533. Remove crosslisting.  
PHIL 5543. Remove crosslisting.  
S WK 5243. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5423. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5503. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5553. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5613. Change in prerequisite. Change in semesters offered.  
S WK 5623. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5633. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5763. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5816. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5826. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5836. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5846. Change in prerequisite. Allow repeat with change in content.  
S WK 5960. Change in prerequisite.  
S WK 5973. Change in prerequisite. Change in description.  
S WK 5983. Change in prerequisite.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 4, 2015.

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