

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes November 21, 2025

Present:

Dr. Veronique Lacombe, Vice Chair
Dr. Shiping Deng, Group I
Dr. Ranjith Ramanathan, Group I
Dr. Richard Boles, Group II
Dr. Kevin Moore, Group III
Dr. Bryan Hoskins, Group III
Dr. Peter Richtsmeier, Group IV

Dr. Marten Brienens, Group IV
Dr. Erin Dyke, Group V
Dr. Chris Eck, Group V
Dr. Joshua Butcher, Group VI
Dr. Rudra Channappanavar, Group VI

Graduate College:

Dr. Melanie Morgan, Dean
Dr. Rebecca Sheehan, Associate Dean
Dr. Matt Lovern, Associate Dean
Dr. Carol Powers, Assistant Dean

Guests:

Abiola Samson, GPSGA President

Dr. Lacombe called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the October 24, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Dr. Brienens and seconded by Dr. Boles. This motion was approved.

APC Items

Graduate Certificate – GCRT-LGFP: Land-Grant University Faculty Preparation was presented with clarificate by Dr. Eck. A motion to approve this certificate was made by Dr. Deng and seconded by Dr. Brienens. The motion was approved.

Dr. Sheehan presented the remaining expedited APC items. No motion was required.

Expedited—Approved by APC

Deletion:

1. GCRT-MKTA: MARKETING ANALYTICS

The faculty coordinator looked at industry trends and expectations and shifted curriculum and prospective interest in this program towards the GCRT in Business Analytics and Data Science which is healthy and well.

Suspension:

2. MPSM-GEOS: Geoscience

Reorganization of program administration and change in advertising and recruiting strategy to attract wider industry audience. Only one student in program who will transfer to regular MS in Spring 2026.

Modification:

3. MS-ENT-FSEP: Engineering Technology: Fire Safety and Explosion Protection
Course requirement modification
4. MS-ENVR-PSM: Environmental Science: Environmental Management Professional
Science Master
Online delivery
Course requirement modification
5. MS-ETM: Engineering and Technology Management
Name change to Industrial Engineering & Management following a program benchmarking comparison analysis
6. MA-SCFD-EH: Social Foundations of Education
Reduce the degree's total credit hours from 36 to 30. Course requirement modification.
Organized courses to specify thesis track and non-thesis track.
7. MM-MUSI-APMU: Music: Applied Music
Removing 1-2 of the required pedagogy credits (varies by area) and replacing them with other courses essential to musician development. Adding a course to the list of elective options pending approval of new course.
8. MS-BIMB-FC: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Course requirement modifications
9. MS-FEMP: Fire and Emergency Management Administration
Course requirement modification
10. MS-QF: Quantitative Finance
Course requirement modification
11. PHD-BIMB-FC: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Reorganizing information for clarity; correcting erroneous credit hour amounts; bringing course offerings up to date.
12. PHD-CPSI-FC_Crop Science
Post-master's students will be required to earn 60 credits, but up to 12 credits from masters (non-thesis credits) may be applied to their PhD with advisory committee approval.
13. PHD-SOIL-FC_Soil Science
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CIP Code Change:

14. PHD-PSYC-CLIN: Psychology: Clinical

Update the Classification of Instruction Program (CIP) code from 42.0101 ("General Psychology") to 42.2799 ("Research and Experimental Psychology"). Updating to be consistent with recommendations of the American Psychological Association. (both STEM)

15. PHD-PSYC-EXPS: Psychology: Experimental Psychology

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GPSGA Report

Our fourth General Assembly meeting of Fall 2025 took place on Wednesday, November 19, at 5:30 PM in Legacy Hall 101. Representatives and liaisons from Tulsa and OKC campuses participated virtually through our online attendance options.

Assistance/Grant/Fund Information – Fall 2025

-GPSGA Travel Assistance Application

- Application period closed on October 31
- Exception Application period: November 1 – November 30
- Post Meeting/Conference Report due: October 31, 2025 – January 15, 2026
- Application materials and instructions are available on the [GPSGA Canvas page](#).
- All award recipients must submit their Post Meeting/Conference Report between October 31, 2025, and January 15, 2026.

Phoenix award committee have been established and will be coordinated by Ex-officio, and the Communication director.

Phoenix award will be opened before the end of this month as announced by the Chairs.

Plan for Next Semester

- Bringing in the Dean of Graduate College as well as the Chief of OSU police department to tell us regarding new development as well as update on students concern tabled.

Key Issues Identified by the GPSGA General Assembly

- Housing Concerns: Limited on-campus housing availability for returning graduate students
- Financial Impact: International student fee increases
- Orientation Enhancement: Following last year's feedback regarding the need for a more comprehensive and centralized graduate student orientation, we are pleased to acknowledge that Graduate College successfully launched the first centralized graduate orientation program
- Career Development: Exploring the creation of a centralized platform to better communicate available graduate assistantship opportunities across the university

Graduate College Report

3MT 11/4/2025 – Dr. Morgan reported the 3MT competition was a great success. The first place winner will advance to regional competition.

- **First Place:** Suman Poudel, Master's Student, Civil Engineering
- **Second Place:** Sydney Vieira, Master's Student, Agricultural Economics
- **Third Place:** Irene Lee, Doctoral Student, Nutritional Sciences
- **People's Choice:** Silan Bhandari, Doctoral Student, Chemistry

Phoenix Award – Dr. Jindahl Shah has been awarded the Phoenix Award.

EdVision – Is now up and running. It is currently in the testing phase with the pilot scheduled for Spring 2026 with anticipated deployment in Fall 2026.

Enrollment – Spring 2026 enrollment is up.

Zero Ending Courses – The request/policy change for zero-ending courses has been sent to the Provost and will soon be moving to the _____ committee in December.

New Business

Group V Graduate Faculty Status – Dr. Powers presented the nomination list. A motion to approve the nominees was made by Dr. Butcher and seconded by Dr. Ramanathan. The motion was passed.

TOEFL – Dr. Lovern the internet based test wof English Profieciency will change scoring method in January 2026. We are currently working on new scoring cutoffs and it will result in a much different looking score. The current scoring system will be good for 2 additional years.

Student Annual Reviews – Dean Morgan led discussion on student reviews, reminding that they are required and all Graduate Cooordinators will be asked to certify they are doing the reviews. More information can b found on Canvas under Best Proactices. The ey must be reported by June of each year.

Student Profiles – Dean Morgan has asked everyone to send excellent student's information to Dr. Powers for highlighting on social media.

Old Business

Course Retake Policy – A motion to approve the Course Retake Policy was made by Dr. Brienens and seconded by Dr. Deng. The motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Brienens and seconded by Dr. Deng. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:46.