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From: Dr. Melanie Morgan, Dean

Cc: Dr. Matt Lovern, Associate Dean
Dr. Rebecca Sheehan, Associate Dean
Dr. Carol Powers, Assistant Dean
Guest: Abiola Samson, GPSGA – President

Date: February 20th, 2026

RE: **February** Graduate Council Meeting

The January meeting of the Graduate Council will be held on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026 1:30 P.M. IN 126 ITLE.

AGENDA

- Approval of the minutes
- **APC Items**
New Programs (requires full Grad Council review and vote):
 1. **HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, GCRT – skills for administrative roles in higher education**
 2. **STUDENT AFFAIRS, GCRT – skills for administrative roles in student affairs**
 3. **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ADMINISTRATION, GRCT – for industry professionals who want to update/retool their knowledge [CET 5703 is in the workflow to be included next academic year]**
 4. **STATISTICS, GCRT – for professionals; other land grants have this certificate and do well with it**
 5. **MS-ENT-CNST: Engineering Technology: Construction Project Administration, MS – currently no program in Oklahoma and students/residents must go out of state (e.g. Kansas) [FEMP 5033 is in workflow to get in the catalog]**

Expedited

Deletion:

1. **GCRT-BDA: BIG DATA ANALYTICS, GCRT** – continued low enrollment. Email included of current department support for deletion even as the actual petition is dated.

Modifications

2. **PHD-MCMB: MICROBIOLOGY, CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY,PHD** – remove GRE for admission, reduce credit hours to be competitive with other programs
 3. **PHD-GEOL: GEOLOGY, PHD** – course modifications for post-masters students to better serve students
 4. **PHD-STAT: STATISTICS, PHD** – created option (reduced hours) for post-masters
 5. **PHD-ELEN: ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, PHD** – reduction in credit hours from 73 to 67. Same number of credits as post-baccalaureate but may use some credits from MS to the 67.
 6. **MS-ELS-EH-HIED: EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP STUDIES:HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, MS** – name change to degree to better represent degree. Reduction from 36 to 30 credits per OSHRE guidance.
 7. **MS- AGEL-FC: AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP,MS** – course modifications to better serve students
 8. **MS-GS: GLOBAL STUDIES, MS** – remove foreign language requirement as it served as barrier to degree, remove course as no longer being taught
 9. **MA-ARTH: ART HISTORY, MA** – course modifications to provide more flexibility for students
 10. **MS-MCMB: MICROBIOLOGY, CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY,MS** – remove GRE for admission, change in required courses to better serve students.
 11. **MS-HORT-FC: HORTICULTURE, MS** – course modifications to better serve students
 12. **MAG-GNAG-FC-AGLE: GENERAL AGRICULTURE:AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP,MAG** – course modifications to better serve students
 13. **PHD-ELPS-EH-HIED: EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICYSTUDIES: HIGHER EDUCATION, PHD** – course modifications (streamline courses) to better serve students
- **Reports**
 1. GPSGA Report – GPSGA President, Abiola Samson
 2. Graduate College Report – Dr. Melanie Morgan
 - **New Business**
 1. Update on Strategic Planning Process- Dr. Morgan
 2. Policy 4.0; **4.1OSU Faculty Members** (page 6) Graduate College Policy Manual - Dr. Morgan
 3. Cancelled classes notifications to students – Dr. Morgan
 - **Old Business**

Relevant Dates:

- Last day to attend the Thesis and Dissertation Formatting & Guide to Graduation session or to view the online tutorial in GC Round-Up, March 6, 2026
- Last day to submit a revised Plan of Study (if required) to the Graduate College, March 13, 2026
- Last day to file a Graduation Application (The April 1 deadline is the last day to file for your name to appear in the Spring Commencement Book. The summer deadline applies to graduation clearance only) with the Office of the Registrar, April 1, 2026
- Doctoral Candidacy Celebration: April 2, 3-5 pm (program at 3:30 pm)
- Last day to submit the Thesis/Dissertation Oral Defense Form to the Graduate College to meet Spring 2026 graduation deadlines, April 10, 2026
- Last day to submit the Thesis/Dissertation Oral Defense Form to the Graduate College to meet Spring 2026 graduation deadlines, April 17, 2026
- Spring General Graduate Faculty Meeting, April 21, 2026
- Last day to complete online submission of the electronic thesis or dissertation to the Graduate College, April 24, 2026
- Class Work Ends May 1, 2026
- Graduate Commencement Friday, May 8, 2026, 4:30 p.m.