

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty
2008-2009 Year-end Report
June 10, 2009

The Executive Council of Graduate Faculty consists of representatives of the graduate faculty from each of the professional schools and each division of the College on the KU Lawrence campus. Its charge is to review and approve University-wide policy for graduate programs, review and approve new graduate program proposals, and advise the Associate Vice Provost and Dean on matters related to graduate programs, admissions, fellowship disbursement, and any other issues related to graduate education.

This academic year, the Executive Council reviewed a number of graduate program proposals and revised several policies. A summary of the activities is provided here, with links to more information on the new policies.

New Program Review and Approval Process

The Executive Council reviewed proposals for several new graduate programs Passed by the Kansas Board of Regents and currently accepting applications

- MA in African and African American Studies
- MS in Atmospheric Science
- AuD/PhD joint program (KUMC)
- MD/PhD in Bioengineering
- PhD in Bioinformatics

Currently under consideration by the Provost and/or the Kansas Board of Regents

- MS in Educational Technology
- PhD in Biostatistics (KUMC)
- MA/PhD in Women Gender and Sexuality Studies

New Graduate Studies Policies

The Executive Council acted on a number of new university-wide policies for Graduate Studies. A list of the new policies appears here, with links to the complete policy statements.

1. Enrollment Categories. Effective spring 2010, all graduate students must be in one of five enrollment categories

https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/Enrollment.htm

- a. Enrolled and in good standing
- b. Enrolled and on academic probation
- c. On leave of absence
- d. Voluntarily discontinued
- e. Dismissed

Students can be moved from one category to another via the Progress to Degree forms. Discontinued or dismissed students must apply for admission.

2. Admissions Categories. Effective spring 2010, there are four admissions categories only on the Lawrence campus

https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/AdmissiontoGradStudies.htm

- a. Degree seeking, regular
 - b. Degree seeking, provisional
 - c. Non-degree seeking, regular
 - d. Non-degree seeking, provisional
3. General examination for the MA or MS degree. Effective spring 2010, all master's programs must have a general examination *or* oral defense of the thesis. https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/mastersthesis.htm
 4. Transfer of credit. Effectively *immediately*, transfer of credit may include any course taken from an accredited institution including distance and on-line courses. Transfer is at the discretion of program and school approval. https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/transfercredits.htm
 5. Transcripts for application to graduate study. Effective *immediately*, Graduate Studies requires official transcripts from the baccalaureate granting institution, and any transcripts from institutions attended post-baccalaureate. Programs may request all transcripts if they prefer. https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/transcripts.htm
 6. Graduate Faculty. Effective *immediately*, graduate faculty who return to graduate studies for higher degree may remain on graduate faculty, but cannot teach or serve on committees in the program in which they are students. https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/gradfacappnts.htm
 7. Incomplete policies. The University Senate, in its April 23, 2009 meeting, voted to change the incomplete policies in USRR section 2.2.3 (Incompletes). Effective with fall 2009 courses, all incompletes automatically revert to a grade pre-determined by the faculty member once a year has elapsed. A student may not take oral comprehensive examinations or graduate with an incomplete recorded fall 2009 or later on the student's record. Look for updates on the University Governance website. <http://www2.ku.edu/~unigov/>

I wish to thank the Executive Council for a very productive year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Division</u>	<u>Term ending</u>
Monica Biernat	CLAS/Social Science	2011
Stephen Grabow	Architecture	2010
Carl Luchies	Engineering	2011
Deron McGee	Fine Arts	2011
Garth Myers	CLAS/International Programs	2009
Town Peterson	CLAS/Natural Science/Math	2009
Chris Petr	Social Welfare	2010
Laura Poppo	Business	2009
Teruna Siahaan	Pharmacy	2009
Daniel Stevenson	CLAS/Humanities	2010
Tom Volek	Journalism	2011
Lisa Wolf-Wendel	Education	2010
Allen Rawitch	KUMC	<i>ex officio</i>
Sara Rosen	Graduate Studies	<i>ex officio</i> chair

And welcome the 2009-2010 Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Division</u>	<u>Term ending</u>
Monica Biernat	CLAS/Social Science	2011
Audra Boone	Business	2012
Maria Carlson	CLAS/Humanities	2012
Apurba Dutta	Medicinal Chemistry	2012
Stephen Grabow	Architecture	2010
Carl Luchies	Engineering	2011
Deron McGee	Fine Arts	2011
Chris Petr	Social Welfare	2010
Daniel Stevenson	CLAS/International Programs	2010
Rodolfo Torres	Mathematics	2012
Tom Volek	Journalism	2011
TBD replacement	Education	2010
Allen Rawitch	Graduate Studies - KUMC	<i>ex officio</i>
Sara Rosen	Graduate Studies - KULC	<i>ex officio</i> chair