

## **Executive Council of Graduate Faculty 2010-2011 year-end report**

The Executive Council of Graduate Faculty includes one graduate faculty member from each of the professional schools and one member from each division of the College. The Council is charged with review of new degree programs and graduate certificates, development and consideration of graduate policy, evaluation of existing graduate programs in the of Board of Regents program review process, and is advisory to the dean of graduate studies on matters related to graduate studies at KU.

I wish to thank the Executive Council for its hard work and dedication to graduate education throughout this past academic year. I particularly wish to acknowledge the members who have completed their terms on the Council: Carl Luchies (Engineering), Tom Volek (Journalism), Monica Biernat (Social and Behavioral Sciences division of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences) and Deron McGee (Music).

Below is a report of the activities of the Council for the 2010-2011 academic year.

### Program Review:

The Executive Council of Graduate Faculty evaluated graduate programs in five schools for the Board of Regents Program Review. Council evaluations were submitted to the Provost for the following schools:

- School of Engineering: 5 departments and 2 programs
- School of Architecture, Design & Planning: 3 departments
- School of Journalism
- School of Social Welfare
- School of Pharmacy: 4 departments and 1 program

### New Graduate Program Proposals:

The Council reviewed several proposals for new graduate degree programs. The Council recommended approval of the proposals; these have been approved by the Provost, and where appropriate, forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval.

- PhD in Journalism and Mass Communications
- Distance-delivered Master of Musical Education program in Music Therapy
- Dual-title PhDs: Sociology & Gerontology, Psychology & Gerontology, and Communication Studies & Gerontology
- Concentrations for the Masters of Accounting and Masters of Business Administration programs within the School of Business

### Changes to Graduate Programs:

The Council reviewed requests for changes to existing graduate degree programs. The Council recommended approval of the requests; these have been approved by the Provost, and where appropriate, forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval.

- Master of Arts in Global & International Studies: new concentration in Global Interagency Studies

- Doctor of Musical Arts: changes to the DMA regarding time between oral comps and final document defense
- Interdisciplinary Studies (master's and doctorate): changes to name, admissions procedures and transcript notation

### New Graduate Certificate Proposals:

The Council reviewed two proposals for new graduate certificate programs. The Council recommended approval of the proposals; these have been approved by the Provost.

- New Grad Certificate in Entrepreneurship
- New Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies

### Graduate Certificate Review:

The Council reviewed four graduate certificates as part of the 7-year certificate review cycle. Community Health & Development requested renewal, the other certificate programs requested discontinuance. The Council recommended approval of the renewal and discontinuances; these have been approved by the Provost.

- Community Health & Development – Department of Applied Behavioral Sciences
- Gerontology – Department of Gerontology
- Marketing Communication – School of Journalism
- Building-level Special Education – Department of Special Education

### Graduate Studies Policy:

The Council developed three new graduate program policies and recommended approval of all three to the Provost. The Provost has approved the following:

- Dual-title PhDs
- Seniors and Graduate Study (Co-enrollment)
- Development of minimum guidelines for Responsible Scholarship and Research Skills training plans

### Policies currently under consideration:

- Good Academic Standing
- Graduate Exam Committee Composition
- Graduate Examination Attendance
- Course and Exam Expiration Dates
- Post-comp Enrollment