

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty 2011-2012 Year-End Report

The Executive Council of the 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 it advises the Dean of Graduate Studies on matters related to graduate training 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: Promothesh Chatterjee (Business), Suman Mallik (Business), Apurba Dutta (Pharmacy), Rodolfo Torres (Natural Sciences/Mathematics division of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences), and Maria Carlson (Humanities division of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences).

Below is a report of the activities of the Council for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Program Review:

The Executive Council of the Graduate Faculty evaluated graduate programs in two Schools and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for the Board of Regents Program Review. Council evaluations were completed for the following schools:

- School of Education: 5 departments
- School of Music
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences: 18 programs

New Graduate Program Proposals:

The Council reviewed two proposals for new Graduate degree programs. The Council recommended approval of the following proposals:

- Russian & East European Studies: combined MA/JD degree program
- Engineering Management: Master of Science (non-thesis) option at the Edwards Campus

Changes to Graduate Programs:

The Council reviewed requests for changes to existing graduate degree programs. The Council recommended approval of these requests:

- School of Education – Differentiating the Ed.D. and Ph.D.
- School of Education – Master’s degree program name change
- School of Business – Master of Business Administration curriculum changes

Graduate Studies Policies:

The Council reviewed six Graduate program policies. The following contain new policies or changes to existing policies recommended for approval to the Provost:

- Graduate Student Exam Committee Composition
- Graduate Student Oral Examination Attendance
- Graduate Coursework Expiration Dates
- Graduate Credit
- Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Time Constraints
- Doctoral Candidacy (Post-comprehensive Enrollment)

Respectfully submitted,

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