

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 20 November 2015

Present: Dean Michael C. Roberts (Chair), Norman Akers, Mahasweta Banerjee, Monica Biernat, Apurba Dutta, Mahbub Rashid, Scott Reinardy, Paul Scott, Milena Stanislavova, Michael Werle (By Phone)

Absent: Robert Klein (Ex Officio), Ben Chappell, Aaron Clopton, James Daugherty, Ahreum Maeng

Also present: Mark Jakubauskas, Sanako Mitsugi, Kimberly A. B. Swanson, Assistant Dean Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff),

Called to Order: 2:02

Announcements

10 Minutes

- ECGF Representative - School of the Arts
 1. Dean Roberts announced that Professor Norman Akers, from the department of Visual Art, will represent the School of the Arts for the remainder of the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Policies Reviewed this Semester
 1. Dean Roberts announced that several of the policies that the Executive Council of Graduate Faculty (ECGF) has been reviewing are currently out for stakeholder review and financial modelling. They will be revised according to the feedback we receive and re-circulated to the ECGF.
- KULC and KUMC Graduate Faculty Databases
 1. Dean Roberts announced that we are in the process of combining the Graduate Faculty lists and databases for the Lawrence and Med Center campuses. Dean Werle confirmed that the Medical Center already accepts the Lawrence Campus' determinations concerning graduate faculty privileges. Dean Roberts confirmed that the Lawrence campus plans to do the same, which is both respectful and sensible because we recognize that these faculty have already been reliably vetted, are accountable to the institution, and already serve our students. After investigation, the separation appears to have been the unfortunate result of a technological issue and does not represent either our policies or what we believe to be our best practice.

Review of Minutes

5 Minutes

- 16 October 2015: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

New Program Proposals**30 Minutes**

- Graduate Certificate in Environmental Justice
 - *Representative: Professor Mark Jakubauskas*
 1. Professor Jakubauskas introduced the program proposal, explaining that it will fill an important gap for the Environmental Studies program. It represents a growth area and an area of significant community engagement, and a number of schools and departments have been enthusiastic in their support and wish to participate.
 2. Discussion ensued.
- Graduate Certificate in Second Language Studies
 - *Representative: Professors Sanako Mitsugi and Kimberly A. B. Swanson*
 1. Professors Mitsugi and Swanson introduced the program proposal, explaining that it fills important gaps for both linguistics students and students in the language departments. It offers greater opportunities for students in linguistics to get experience in applied methods of language instruction and it allows language students to explore more theoretical considerations of linguistics.
 2. Discussion ensued.

Policy Proposals**10 Minutes**

- Emeritus Status for Graduate Faculty
 - *Representative: Amber Roberts Graham*
 1. Dean Roberts opened the discussion of this second reading of the policy proposal.
 2. The Council recommended further development and revision before a vote should occur.

Voting**5 Minutes**

- Graduate Certificate in Environmental Justice
 1. The Executive Council referred the proposal back to the Department of Environmental Studies for further development on some points. The Council representatives asked several questions to guide revisions.
- Graduate Certificate in Second Language Studies
 1. The Executive Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal and advance it to the Provost's Office for review.

Adjourned: 3:08 pm**Next Meeting:** Friday 18 December at 2:00 pm, Strong Hall room 210