

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

May 15th, 2015, 2:00–4:00pm
210 Strong Hall, CLAS conference room

Presiding: Michael C. Roberts

Members present: Aaron Clopton, James Daugherty, Van Kelly, Brian Laird,

Ahreum Maeng, Sandra Olsen, Mahbub Rashid, John Stobaugh, Dave Tell, Michael Werle, and Sara Wilson

Staff: Austin Fitts and Roberta Pokphanh

Guests: Robert Coffeen, Marie Alice L'Heureux, and Kapila Silva

AGENDA

1. Announcements
2. Review of minutes: April 24th, 2015
3. Program proposals
 - a) Graduate certificate: Urban Design
 - b) Graduate certificate: Historic Preservation
 - c) Graduate certificate: Architectural Acoustics
4. Discussion

1. Announcements by the Dean of Graduate Studies

Dean Roberts opened the meeting at 2:08 pm, thanked the Council for a great year, and announced the new Council members for 2015-18: Ahreum Maeng (Business), Apurba Dutta (Pharmacy), Paul Scott (CLAS – Humanities), and Milena Stanislavova (CLAS – Natural Science/Mathematics).

2. Review of minutes: April 24th, 2015

Dean Roberts asked the Council to review the April minutes. There were no changes suggested.

Updated minutes are available on the Executive Council of Graduate Faculty website:
<http://www.graduate.ku.edu/executive-council-graduate-faculty>

3. Program proposals

a) Graduate certificate: Urban Design

Professor L'Heureux provided the Council with information on the proposed program. The Council asked about KU's Urban Design studio in Kansas City and Professor L'Heureux indicated the new certificate aims to increase enrollment at that location.

The Council commented on the need for the new program and voted unanimously to approve the new certificate program.

b) Graduate certificate: History Preservation

Professor Silva discussed student interest in the program, enrollment in the courses, and future plans for the program. The Council discussed the potential of the proposed program to expand the student base to other disciplines.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the new certificate program.

- c) Graduate certificate: Architectural Acoustics
Professor Coffeen discussed the coursework and background of the program as well as the need for a program that addresses the acoustics side of Architecture.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the new certificate program.

4. Discussion

Dean Roberts discussed plans to develop a childbirth policy for the Lawrence campus and asked the Council to consider serving on the policy workgroup. Professor Werle described the policy at the KU Medical Center and the Council discussed considerations for developing the policy.

Before concluding the meeting, Dean Roberts brought the Council's attention to the 2014-15 year-end report. There were no comments or suggested changes.

Dean Roberts adjourned the meeting at 2:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Austin Fitts