

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

2014-2015 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 the 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 the Council advises the Dean of Graduate Studies on matters related to graduate training.

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 four members who have completed their terms on the Executive Council: Promothesh Chatterjee (Business), Van Kelly (CLAS – Humanities), Brian Laird (CLAS – Natural Sciences and Mathematics), and John Stobaugh (Pharmacy).

Below is a report of the activities of the Council for the 2014-2015 academic year.

New Graduate Program Proposals

The Council reviewed one proposal for a new Graduate degree program in the School of Journalism recommended approval to the Office of the Provost: Master of Science in Digital Content Strategy

The Council reviewed three new degree offerings and recommended approval to the Office of the Provost for the following:

- Fast track degree option in the School of Engineering: Bachelor of Science in Engineering and Master of Science in Bioengineering
- Global MBA program: joint degree offering between the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Business
- MD/MBA program: joint degree offering between the School of Business and the KU Medical Center

New Graduate Certificates

The Council reviewed fourteen proposals for new Graduate certificate programs, and recommended approval of the following certificate programs:

- American Studies (*CLAS*)
- Chemical Biology (*CLAS*)
- Environmental Assessment (*CLAS*)
- Performance Management (*CLAS*)
- City and County Management (*CLAS*)
- Professional Workplace Communication (*CLAS*)
- Data Management and Analysis (*School of Journalism*)
- Social Media Strategy and Management (*School of Journalism*)
- Finance (*School of Business*)
- Pillars of Business (*School of Business*)
- Business Management & Leadership (*School of Business*)
- Urban Design (*School of Architecture, Design and Planning*)
- Historic Preservation (*School of Architecture, Design and Planning*)
- Architectural Acoustics (*School of Architecture, Design and Planning*)

Graduate Studies Policies

The Council reviewed nine Graduate Studies policies. The following contain new policy information or changes to existing policies recommended for approval to the Office of the Provost:

- Good Academic Standing (*new*)
- Graduate Studies Representative
- Dissertation Chair Status for Graduate Faculty
- Doctoral Student Oral Exam Committee Composition
- Master's Student Oral Exam Committee Composition
- Graduate Teaching Assistant Appointment Eligibility
- Graduate Credit

Respectfully submitted,

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