Executive Council of Graduate Faculty
2012-2013 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: Michael Baskett (CLAS – School of the Arts), Daniel Stevenson (CLAS – International Studies), Stephen Kapp (School of Social Welfare), Mahbub Rashid (Architecture, Design and Planning), and Suzanne Rice (School of Education).

Below is a report of the activities of the Council for the 2012-2013 academic year.

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

- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences: 19 programs
- School of Business

New Graduate Program Proposals
The Council reviewed 13 proposals for new Graduate degree programs, and recommended approval of the following programs:

- School of Engineering (2): Master of Engineering and Master of Engineering in Project Management
- School of Business (8): Working Professional MBA program at the Edwards campus and the following Graduate certificate programs: Human Resources Management, International Business Management, Investments, Marketing, Strategic Management, Supply Chain Management, and Valuation
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (3): Graduate Certificate program in Indigenous Studies, Professional Science Master's (PSM) in Environmental Assessment, and Master of Science in Geography

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

- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences: MA concentration in Foreign Affairs Studies within the Center for Global and International Studies
- School of Architecture, Design and Planning (3): Conferral of the master's within the PhD track, Consolidate the existing MA programs, Interaction Design and Design Management, into one MA program (MA in Design) with concentrations in Interaction Design and Design Management, and New concentration in Environmental Design within the Design MA program

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Changes to Graduate Programs (continued)

- School of Music: Program change to no longer require DMA students in the performance and conducting areas to complete Theory Written Comprehensive Exams
- School of Pharmacy: Distance PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Graduate Certificate Renewals
The Council reviewed requests to renew existing Graduate certificate programs. The Council recommended approval of these requests:

- Peace & Conflict Studies (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences)
- Transition Certificate Program for Secondary Special Education (School of Education)

Graduate Studies Policies
The Council reviewed 14 Graduate Studies policies. The following contain new policy information or changes to existing policies recommended for approval to the Office of the Provost:

- Graduate Student Oral Exam Committee Composition
- Seniors and Graduate Study (Co-enrollment)
- Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship
- Full-time Enrollment for Graduate Students
- Special Graduate Faculty status
- Graduate Faculty Appointments
- Leave of Absence
- Doctoral Candidacy
- Academic Probation
- Grading
- Dismissed Enrollment
- Tuition Assistance Program
- Good Academic Standing
- Admission to Graduate Studies

Respectfully submitted,

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Dean