

# Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

## 2013-2014 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: Jim Daugherty (Music), David Ekerdt (CLAS – Division of Social Sciences), Victor Frost (Engineering), and Tien-Tsung Lee (Journalism).

Below is a report of the activities of the Council for the 2013-2014 academic year.

### New Graduate Program Proposals

The Council reviewed four proposals for new Graduate degree programs in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) and the School of Business:

- Master's program in East Asian Studies (recommended approval to the Office of the Provost)
- Doctoral program in Atmospheric Science (recommended approval to the Office of the Provost)
- Global MBA: Joint degree program in the School of Business and the Center for Global and International Studies (pending Executive Council approval)

The Council reviewed four new concentrations and degree offerings, and recommended approval for the following:

- Foreign Affairs Studies "FASt" concentration within the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CLAS)
- "Fast-track" master's degree option in Philosophy (CLAS)
- "Fast track" master's degree option in Classics (CLAS)
- MFA concentration in Photography (*School of Architecture, Design, and Planning*)

### New Graduate Certificates

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

- Museum Studies (CLAS)
- Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CLAS)
- Center for Global and International Studies (CLAS)
- Petroleum Management (*School of Engineering*)
- Health and Wellness (*School of Architecture, Design and Planning*)
- Foundations of Business (*School of Business*)
- Business Analytics (*School of Business*)
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (*School of Education*)

The Council also reviewed the renewal of the Graduate certificate in African Studies (CLAS)

### Graduate Studies Policies

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

- Embargo for Theses and Dissertations
- Master's Thesis Submission and Publication
- Doctoral Dissertation
- Graduate Certificate Admission and Eligibility
- Admission to Graduate Study
- English Proficiency Requirements for International Students
- Permit to Re-enroll (*new*)
- Master's Exam Committee Composition (*new*)
- Doctoral Exam Committee Composition (*new*)
- Outside Committee Member on Doctoral Exams (*new*)

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Roberts  
Dean