

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

May 17th, 2:00 – 4:00pm
Provost Conference Room, 258 Strong Hall

Presiding: Thomas Heilke

Members present: Michael Baskett, James Daugherty, David Ekerdt, Victor Frost, Van Kelly, Tien-Tsung Lee, Brian Laird, Mahbub Rashid, Suzanne Rice, Allen Rawitch, and John Stobaugh

Staff: Austin Fitts and Roberta Pokphanh

AGENDA

1. Announcements
 - a) Election results for the Council 2013-2016
2. Review of minutes:
 - April 2013 meeting
3. Program Proposals
 - a) Center for Global and International Studies (CGIS)
 - i. New MA concentration in Foreign Affairs Studies
4. Policy Review
 - a) KU/MU agreement
 - b) Charge of the Executive Council

1. Announcements made by the Dean of Graduate Studies

Dean Heilke opened the meeting at 2:00pm, thanked the Council for a great year, and announced 4 of the new members for 2013-2016: Aaron Clopton (School of Education), Ben Chappell (CLAS – International Studies), John Staniunas (CLAS – School of the Arts), and Mahbub Rashid (School of Architecture, Design and Planning).

2. Review of minutes: April meeting

The Executive Council members reviewed the minutes for April 19th, 2013. Professor Ekerdt asked about the non-degree-seeking policy discussed in the previous meeting. Dean Heilke provided the Council with details of the policy and an update on the progress regarding its implementation.

Professor Baskett moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Professor Stobaugh. The motion carried unanimously. Updated minutes are available on the Executive Council website [<http://www.graduate.ku.edu/executive-council-graduate-faculty>].

3. Program Proposals

- a. Dean Heilke gave the Council details on the slight change to the current Foreign Affairs Studies proposal and provided background on the Foreign Affairs Officers (FAOs) initiative.

The Council discussed faculty concerns for this concentration and if these courses are open to the public. Professor Laird asked about operational definitions of “regionally focus” and “regionally-relevant” courses. Dean Heilke clarified that the Department can choose the electives based on the student, the region of focus, and the program objectives.

Professor Lee suggested changing the reference in the proposal to “IU”, instead of “U of I”. Austin Fitts agreed to change this in the proposal materials. Dean Rawitch asked for examples of courses with region mentioned and Dean Heilke provided the Council with examples.

Professor Daugherty moved to approve the program proposal, seconded by Professor Chatterjee. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Policy Review

- a. Dean Heilke described the purpose of this public agreement between the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri. Dean Rawitch asked about this being a memorandum of agreement and Dean Heilke provided further clarification.

Dean Heilke informed the Council that with their endorsement, this language can be forwarded to the Office of the Provost for additional support and possibly be made available on the Graduate Studies or the Office of the Provost’s website.

Professor Laird and Chatterjee asked if there will be any changes to committee membership policies. Dean Heilke and Assistant Dean Pokphanh informed the Council that there will be no changes. Professor Kelly asked if this will be only for the University of Missouri and not UMKC. Dean Heilke replied that this agreement will only indicate the University of Missouri. Professor Lee suggested that the document refer to the University of Missouri, not MU, and Austin Fitts agreed to make the necessary changes.

Professor Rice moved to approve the policy, seconded by Professor Kelly. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Dean Heilke asked for Council feedback on the current Charge of the Executive Council of Graduate Faculty. Dean Heilke informed the Council that there were changes made regarding the selection of awardees and some minor wording changes.

Dean Heilke wished the Council a productive summer before adjourning at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Austin Fitts