

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

April 19th, 2:00 – 4:00pm
Public Administration Conference Room, 4060Z Wescoe Hall

Presiding: Thomas Heilke

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

Staff: Austin Fitts and Roberta Pokphanh

AGENDA

1. Announcements
 - a) Adding a member to the KU Medical Center Executive Committee
 - b) Election ballots out for the Council 2013-2016
 2. Review of minutes:
March 2013 meeting
 3. Program Proposals
 - a) School of Music
 - b) Architecture, Design, and Planning
 - i. New concentration in Environmental Design within the Design MA program
 4. Policy Review
 - a) Non-degree-seeking student admission (Admission to Graduate Studies)
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1. Announcements made by the Dean of Graduate Studies

Dean Heilke opened the meeting by expressing regret for the last minute relocation of the meeting and then announced those members that could not attend the meeting. Dean Heilke briefly described the doctoral education workgroup and Austin Fitts made copies of the report available to the Council.

Dean Heilke raised a discussion of adding a member from the KU Lawrence campus to the Executive Committee on the KUMC campus. Dean Heilke pointed out the need for collaboration between the two campuses. Professor Stevenson asked about the frequency of the KUMC meetings. Upon the recommendation from Professor Rashid that Dean Heilke serve as the KU Lawrence member, Dean Heilke discussed his availability. The Council voted unanimously to approve adding a KU Lawrence member to the KUMC Executive Committee.

Dean Rawitch raised the committee's awareness of the other campuses that need to be considered for collaboration in the future. Austin Fitts agreed to find a meeting location that would allow for a KU Lawrence member to participate via mediated attendance.

Dean Heilke provided the Council with some information regarding nominations to the Executive Council for 2013-2016. Dean Heilke added that we should have elected members by next month.

2. Review of minutes: March meeting

The Executive Council members reviewed the minutes for the March 29th, 2013, meeting. Professor Laird moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Professor Stevenson. 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 introduced the proposal from the School of Music as changes made to eliminate the written Theory Comprehensive exam for all DMA candidates in the performance and conducting areas. Dean Heilke asked Professor Daugherty if he would like to comment and Professor Daugherty added that he was in support of the proposal. After a brief discussion, Professor Stevenson moved to approve the program proposal, seconded by Professor Laird. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Dean Heilke informed the Council that the Design concentration proposal will move to the Provost's Office with Executive Council approval. The Council discussed teaching load and the percentage of appointment of the Graduate faculty listed in the proposal and the letter provided indicating support of the Dean of Architecture, Design and Planning. Professor Rice moved to approve the program proposal, seconded by Professor Rashid. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Policy Review

Dean Heilke informed the Council that the requested edits have been made and that the implementation of this new policy will begin in Fall 2013. Dean Heilke addressed the concerns of Professor Daugherty regarding the "6 or 8" transfer credit rule in the policy. Assistant Dean Pokphanh added that the Graduate Credit policy is the source of the "6 or 8" transfer credit statement. Dean Heilke offered to indicate in the minutes that Graduate Studies will continue to research the history of this statement in the policy. Dean Rawitch asked that Graduate Studies link the two policies and Austin Fitts agreed to do so. Professor Baskett moved to approve the policy, seconded by Professor Daugherty. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council had some discussion of regalia and student issues with renting versus purchasing regalia. Dean Rawitch informed the Council that there is a package deal available, whereas students are charged more when purchasing items individually.

Professor Rashid inquired about post comprehensive enrollment with the Graduate Studies policy on Doctoral Candidacy. Dean Heilke recognized that there are issues with this policy and that Graduate Studies will work on a solution in the upcoming academic year.

Dean Heilke asked the Council for more issues to discuss before adjourning at 2:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Austin Fitts