

## **Executive Council of Graduate Faculty 2009-2010 Year-End Report**

The Executive Council of 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 is advisory to the dean of graduate studies on matters related to graduate studies 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: Steven Lee (Education), Stephen Grabow (Architecture, Design and Planning), and Audra Boone (Business), who cannot complete her term due to scheduling issues. Below is a report of the activities of the Council for the 2009-2010 academic year.

### New Degree Program Review and Approval Process

The Executive Council of Graduate Faculty reviewed several different degree programs and graduate certificate programs. The Council approved the renewal of three ongoing graduate certificate programs; these have been approved by the Provost.

1. Approved for renewal by the Executive Council and the Office of the Provost:
  - Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
  - Graduate Certificate in Central American & Mexican Studies
  - Graduate Certificate in Brazilian Studies
2. The Council recommended to the Provost the approval of a five year Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and Master of Urban Planning. The Provost presented the proposal to the Kansas Board of Regents, which has approved the proposal. The School of Architecture is currently accepting applications for the BA/MUP.

### New Graduate Studies Policies

The Council developed three new graduate program policies and recommended approval of all three to the Provost. The Provost has approved the following:

1. Responsible Scholarship and Research Skills. Effective for doctoral students admitted fall 2011 or later, all doctoral students must obtain research skills and receive training in responsible scholarship pertinent to the field of research.  
[https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate\\_Studies/Research\\_Skills\\_and\\_Responsible\\_Scholarship.htm](https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/Research_Skills_and_Responsible_Scholarship.htm)

2. Seniors and Graduate Study (Coenrollment). Expanded the policy on coenrollment to include continuing education courses.  
[https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate\\_Studies/seniorsgradstudy.htm](https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/seniorsgradstudy.htm)
3. Full-time Enrollment. This policy defines full-time, half-time and part-time status for all graduate students.  
[https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate\\_Studies/full-time\\_enrollment\\_graduate\\_students.htm](https://documents.ku.edu/policies/Graduate_Studies/full-time_enrollment_graduate_students.htm)

## Policies under consideration

Several policies remain under consideration by the Council, to be addressed in the 2010-2011 academic year.

1. Post-Comprehensive Enrollment. Revising this policy would provide a simplified enrollment requirement for doctoral candidates who have passed the comprehensive examination.
2. Time Limits. This policy would include limits on time to degree, expiration dates for coursework and maximum time that can lapse between passage of the comprehensive exam and successful defense of the dissertation.
3. Embargo of Theses and Dissertations. This policy will help graduate students understand when an embargo is necessary, the process for obtaining permission to embargo their work and how to embargo their thesis or dissertation during the electronic submission process to UMI/ProQuest and KU ScholarWorks.
4. The Council has considered a proposal to allow dual title doctoral degrees. This proposal remains in the development phase and will be re-considered in the next academic year.

## Other action items:

1. New courses approved:
  - GS 720 Grant Writing (3)
  - GS 730 Professional Publications (3)
  - GS 740 Orientation to Graduate Study (1)
  - GS 760 Dissertation Workshop (3)
  - GS 770 Writing Residency (3)
2. Changes to existing graduate courses:
  - GS 700 Thesis and Dissertation Writing (3).
  - GS 750 Professional Writing (3).
3. Changes to the recital sequencing in the Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) to allow all three recitals presented before taking the comprehensive oral examination.
4. Approved survey of graduates and faculty from the doctoral program in Special Studies.
5. Drafted guidelines for Deans considering posthumous degree conferral.
6. Prepared for Board of Regents program review process.