

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

25 September 2015, 2:00–4:00pm
210 Strong Hall, CLAS conference room

Presiding: Michael C. Roberts

Members present: Mahasweta Banerjee, Ben Chappell, James Daugherty, Apurba Dutta, Tien Lee, Ahreum Maeng, Mahbub Rashid, Paul Scott, Milena Stanislavova, Mike Werle (phone)

Guest: Steven White, Chair, C&T

Staff: Amanda Ostreko, Amber Roberts Graham

AGENDA

1. Announcements
 2. Review of minutes: 28 August 2015
 3. Administrative Discussion
 - a. Graduate Non-Degree GPA Calculation
 4. Program Proposals
 - a. C&T Reading Certificate
 5. Policy Proposals
 - a. Parental Accommodation Policy
 6. Voting
 - a. C&T Reading Certificate
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1. Announcements

Dean Roberts opened the meeting at 2:04 pm and offered some brief notes concerning his meeting with the AAU Deans. In particular, the AAU Deans share KU's commitment to careful evaluation of the options concerning IRS and health insurance regulations.

Dean Roberts announced that we still need an Executive Council representative from the School of the Arts, so we will have to solicit one.

Dean Roberts announced that we still have openings on subcommittees, and Amber clarified how many openings on which subcommittees. Dean Roberts emphasized that these subcommittees should not represent an onerous obligation, but rather are intended to streamline the work of the Executive Council.

Dean Roberts announced that the Office of Graduate Studies will distribute the information and guidance developed by the Executive Council last year concerning "Measurable Metrics" so that departments may use it when doing their Degree-Level Assessments if they choose. Degree-Level Assessments will be due by 13 November 2015.

Dean Roberts announced that KU's policies governing provisional admission for graduate study will be evaluated from a variety of angles over the coming year and some discussion ensued.

2. Review of minutes: 28 August 2015

Dean Roberts asked the Council to review the August minutes. The minutes were approved without changes.

Updated minutes are available on the Executive Council of Graduate Faculty website:
<http://www.graduate.ku.edu/executive-council-graduate-faculty>

3. Administrative Discussion

a) Graduate Non-Degree GPA Calculation:

Assistant Dean Ostreko offered some background and explanation concerning GPA calculation for non-degree-seeking graduate students. Currently, the calculation incorporates both undergraduate and graduate coursework taken by non-degree-seeking graduate students, while the GPA calculation for degree-seeking graduate students factors in only graduate coursework. She asked for feedback concerning whether we should try to change this process. Discussion ensued, following which Assistant Dean Ostreko agreed to gather more data to answer questions posed.

4. Program Proposals

a) C&T Reading Certificate:

Dean Roberts introduced Professor Steven White, Chair of Curriculum & Teaching, to present the certificate proposal. Professor White offered some background concerning the rationale and motivation for developing this certificate and its value to students both regionally and nationally. He fielded questions from the Executive Council and discussion ensued. Following the discussion, Professor White departed.

5. Policy Proposals

a) Parental Accommodation Policy:

Dean Roberts introduced the draft of the policy, explaining that he would like to adopt a model in which new policies are considered at least three times: open discussion, first reading and draft review, second reading, and final decision. Parental accommodation was discussed in the Executive Council last spring, so this is the policy's first reading and draft review.

Dean Roberts explained that this draft was modeled off of the KUMC parental accommodation policy and informed by policies held at a number of Big 12 and AAU institutions around the country. Dean Roberts then asked Dean Mike Werle to describe KUMC's drafting process and their outcomes after adopting and implementing their policy. Discussion followed and the Executive Council recommended some changes. Dean Roberts asked the Executive Council to share the revised draft with a variety of sources to gather input before the October meeting.

6. Voting

a) C&T Reading Certificate:

Dean Roberts asked for any final questions or comments on the proposal for a new, online certificate program in Reading Instruction within the Department of Curriculum & Teaching. There were no further comments, so Dean Roberts called the question. The proposal passed unanimously.

Dean Roberts adjourned the meeting at 3:18 pm.

Appendix: Committee Composition

Policies and Program Petitions

Paul Scott

Sara Wilson

Monica Biernat

Ben Chappell

Program and Curricular Changes

Mahbub Rashid

James Daugherty

Tien Lee

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards

Apurba Dutta

Milena Stanislavova

Ahreum Maeng

Mahasweta Banerjee

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Roberts Graham