

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 26 February 2016

Present: Dean Michael C. Roberts (Chair), Norman Akers, Mahasweta Banerjee, Monica Biernat, Ben Chappell, James Daugherty, Apurba Dutta, Scott Reinardy, Paul Scott, Sara Wilson, Assistant Dean Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff)

Absent: Andy Fry, Ahreum Maeng, Mahbub Rashid, Milena Stanislavova, Michael Werle, Robert Klein

Also present: Victor Frost, Marilu Goodyear, Mark Jakubauskas, Jessy Ayestas Hernandez (Staff),

Called to Order: 14:02

Announcements

- Dean Roberts announced that three new certificate proposals were circulated for Dean's Review this morning and asked Council members to coordinate with their respective deans if they have interest in commenting on these proposals. He also let them know that Graduate Studies is aware of several more that will be moving down the pipeline to the Council this spring.
- Dean Roberts announced that we have several Graduate Certificates on the agenda today. Professors Mark Jakubauskas and Victor Frost will join us today as representatives of these certificates. Professor Jakubauskas has indicated that he will wait in the College Dean's office during private deliberations, in case any questions come up that he might be able to address.
- Dean Roberts announced that we were unable to furnish a sample rubric for program review at our January meeting and drew attention to the rubric at this link: <http://ku.campuslabs.com/rubrics/uok/programreview-universityofkansas>. He also announced that we will develop an even more concise rubric for use during the internal Executive Council portion of program review.

Review of Minutes

- 29 January 2016
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

New Program Proposals

- Graduate Certificate in Information Security and Assurance
 - *Representative: Professor Victor Frost*
 - Professor Frost introduced a new Graduate Certificate proposal in Information Security and Assurance and fielded questions.
 1. Professor Frost offered an overview of the rationale and target audience for this certificate proposal and invited discussion.

2. The Council explored and discussed the certificate program's structure and its relationship to other offerings from the EECS department. The Council and Professor Frost also confirmed the desirability of longer-term intentions to develop an online version of the program.
- Graduate Certificate in Software Engineering and Management
 - *Representative: Professor Victor Frost*
 - Professor Frost introduced a new Graduate Certificate proposal in Software Engineering and Management and fielded questions.
 1. Professor Frost offered an overview, highlighting significant unmet demand in the Kansas City market for training and credentialing in this topic, and he invited discussion.
 2. The Council and Professor Frost clarified the funding sources for costs to develop the program, and again confirmed the long-term desirability of an online version of this certificate.
 - Graduate Certificate in Science Management
 - *Representative: Professor Mark Jakubauskas*
 - Professor Jakubauskas introduced a new Graduate Certificate proposal in Science Management and fielded questions.
 1. Professor Jakubauskas explained that this certificate proposal grew out of an existing Professional Science Master's offered at the Edwards Campus and incorporated feedback from extensive collaboration with industry leaders.
 2. The Council discussed the program's structure and logistics, and expressed interest in developing ways for Lawrence campus or distance students to take advantage of this offering in the future.
 - Graduate Certificate in Environmental Justice
 - *Representative: Professor Mark Jakubauskas*
 - Professor Jakubauskas introduced a revised version of the Graduate Certificate proposal in Environmental Justice and fielded questions. These revisions are pursuant to the recommendations offered by Executive Council in the fall.
 1. Professor Jakubauskas offered an overview of the changes since the last time the Council reviewed this proposal and invited discussion.
 2. The Council confirmed that their previous concerns had been addressed.

Council Deliberation and Voting

- The Council discussed and voted on each proposal individually.
- The Council unanimously approved all four certificate proposals with minor editing for policy consistency. Edits will be made by Graduate Studies staff and approved by the certificate's faculty representative before the proposals are forwarded to the Provost's Office for the next stage of review.

Adjourned: 14:55

Next Meeting: 25 March 2016 at 2:00 pm