

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 22 April 2016

Present: Dean Michael C. Roberts (Chair), Mahasweta Banerjee, Monica Biernat, Ben Chappell, Aaron Clopton, James Daugherty, Apurba Dutta, Mahbub Rashid, Scott Reinardy, Paul Scott, Sara Wilson, Assistant Dean Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Jessy Ayestas Hernandez (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff)

Absent: Norman Akers, Ahreum Maeng, Milena Stanislavova, Michael Werle, Robert Klein (Ex Officio)

Also present: Keith McMahan

Called to Order: 14:01

Announcements

- New Member Elections: Dean Roberts asked that retiring Council members notify him of their replacements no later than 10 May, 2016. He offered assistance to any school who would like help organizing elections and asked that they let us know as soon as possible if this is the case. We would like to announce the names of our new members at the May meeting and, during the first few weeks of summer, Amber will begin the process of scheduling the meetings for the 2016-17 academic year.
- Amber Roberts Graham offered updates on the status of the following policies and indicated when they may be ready to return for further review by the Council.
 1. 18-Hour Post-Comprehensive Enrollment
 2. Parental Accommodation

Review of Minutes

- 25 March 2016
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

New Program Proposals

- Graduate Certificate in East Asian Languages and Cultures
 - *Representative: Professor Keith McMahan*
 - Professor McMahan introduced a new Graduate Certificate proposal in East Asian Languages and Cultures and fielded questions.
 1. The Council discussed the certificate's background and origin, the standards used to evaluate prospective elective courses, and the admissions standards for prospective students.

Policy Proposals

- Revision: English Proficiency Requirements for Admission to Graduate Study
 - *Representative: Amber Roberts Graham*
 - In March, the Executive Council approved most of the draft included with this month's agenda. Parts were published before the April meeting and the remainder were in the process of being published shortly after the April meeting date.
 - One additional change was recommended in order to clarify the relationship between Admission and Immigration policies for students seeking F-1 status. We asked the Council to review this final clarification during the April meeting.
 - Amber Roberts Graham fielded questions about these changes.

Further Discussion

- Dean Roberts invited the Council to share any upcoming or outstanding concerns with the group in preparation for the year's final meeting in May.
- The Council raised several issues that have been discussed this year and Graduate Studies will include as many as possible on the May agenda.

Vote

- Dean Roberts opened *in camera* discussion of the proposal for a new Graduate Certificate in East Asian Languages and Cultures.
- Following discussion, the Council voted unanimously to approve the certificate pending minor edits.

Next Meeting: 13 May 2016 at 2:00 pm

Adjourned: 14:31