

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 16 December 2016

Present: Dean Michael C. Roberts (Chair), Mahasweta Banerjee (by phone), Monica Biernat, James Daugherty, Thomas DeLuca, Apurba Dutta, Marie-Alice L'Heureux, Scott Reinardy, Sherrie Tucker, Sara Wilson, Assistant Dean Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff)

Absent: Norman Akers, Ahreum Maeng, Paul Scott, Milena Stanislavova, Michael Werle (Ex Officio),

Also present: Michael Denning (by phone), Marilu Goodyear, Michael Hoeflich, Michelle Reames

Called to Order: 14:06

Announcements

- Policy revisions concerning the GA Definition have been published.
- The Parental Accommodation Policy proposal has been forwarded to the Provost's Office for approval.
- EC's feedback concerning the Volunteers and Affiliates policy was shared with the Policy Office and they thanked us for our specific comments and useful examples.
- Reminder: Hooding is Ticketed and Registration is Required
 1. All graduates will be limited to a maximum of 4 tickets. GS will not distribute leftover tickets or take requests for extras.
 2. GS may share any leftover tickets proportionally with the deans of the schools and College. They may choose to allocate the leftovers how they want.

Review of Minutes

- 18 November 2016
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, with Professor Banerjee in attendance.

New Program Proposals

- Dean Roberts reminded all in attendance of the review and vote procedures for new program proposals.
- Dean Roberts introduced the guests in attendance.
- Master of Science in Homeland Security: Law and Policy
 - *Representatives: Michael Denning, Marilu Goodyear, and Michael Hoeflich*
 - The representatives introduced a new Master of Science proposal in Homeland Security: Law and Policy and fielded questions.

1. The representatives offered overview discussions of several components of the program.
 - (a) Professor Hoefflich provided an overview of the rationale for the program and its overall conception.
 - i. Pedagogically, this certificate is designed to train professionals who will plan ahead for, respond to, and manage crises of any kind.
 - ii. The program is structured to be completed either in one year by full-time students or in two years by part-time students. Its target audience, and largest anticipated cohort of students, is the officers studying at the Command and General Staff College who do not already have master's degrees. It also serves the needs of a number of state and federal agencies in the Kansas City area who work in the homeland security industry.
 - iii. The program is designed to incorporate specialties of individual faculty members across every school on the KU campuses, and to accommodate the specific interests of students in the wide-ranging and diverse field of homeland security. It is unique among programs of this nature because it is the only one housed within a Law school and because it establishes robust, research-oriented collaborations among its contributing faculty across KU's schools.
 - iv. The program is also unique because of its intensive simulation component that requires students to respond as they would in crisis situations, developing in complexity as their education proceeds.
 - v. The Law School is already fielding significant interest despite not having rolled out any formal communications or advertising of the program.
 - (b) Associate Vice Chancellor Goodyear provided an overview of the funding concerns and other components specific to operating this program at the Leavenworth location and, in the future, on other satellite campuses.
 - (c) Mr. Denning discussed the nature of KU's collaborations with Fort Leavenworth and the Command and General Staff College, and the unique opportunities this program provides.
2. The Council discussed:
 - (a) ... the simulation component, how it will develop over the course of the student's training, and how the timing will work for part-time students.
 - (b) ... parameters and expectations concerning governance and accreditation of the program.
 - (c) ... target audiences, program capacity, and expected cohort size, as well as capacity for growth if the program is successful.
 - (d) ... systems and process concerns relating to several components, such as applications, admissions, advising, and tracking.
 - (e) ... budgeting and financial sustainability of the program.
3. Dean Roberts excused the representatives for *in camera* discussion.

***In Camera* Discussion and Vote — M.S. in Homeland Security: Law and Policy**

- The Council voted to approve the new program proposal with one abstention.

Policy Proposals

- Doctoral Degree Final Oral Exams — Final Vote
 1. The Council conducted a second reading in preparation for a final vote on the version that incorporated feedback from the stakeholder review stage.
 2. The Council discussed clearer language concerning the minimum intervals required and allowed.
 3. The Council requested to vote by email after seeing a revised draft that reflects their recommendations.

Program Review

- Dean Roberts offered an overview of the rationale behind program review and discussed the KU tradition of wanting faculty involvement in program review. He suggested that members who have not participated in program review might approach this as an opportunity to provide collegial feedback to their peers, based on the quality and effectiveness of their self-study exercise.
- The Council discussed the overall rankings and verbatim comments that Council members provided for each of four programs:
 - Psychology
 - Clinical Child Psychology
 - Applied Behavioral Science
 - Public Affairs and Administration
- Voting
 - Psychology
 - * The Council’s evaluation: ‘Psychology has a strong program that exceeds expectations from the graduate perspective.’
 - Clinical Child Psychology
 - * The Council’s evaluation: ‘Clinical Child Psychology has a strong program that exceeds expectations from the graduate perspective.’
 - Applied Behavioral Science
 - * The Council’s evaluation: ‘Applied Behavioral Science meets expectations in some areas and exceeds expectations in others from the graduate perspective. We recommend they consider their Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey data concerning departmental climate.’
 - Public Affairs and Administration
 - * The Council’s evaluation: ‘Public Administration has a strong program that exceeds expectations from the graduate perspective.’

Adjourned: 15:23