

## Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 27 January 2017

**Present:** Dean Michael C. Roberts (Chair), Monica Biernat, Thomas DeLuca, Apurba Dutta, Debra Hedden, Marie-Alice L'Heureux, Milena Stanislavova, Michael Werle (Ex Officio — by phone), Assistant Dean Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff)

**Absent:** Norman Akers, Mahasweta Banerjee, Ahreum Maeng, Scott Reinardy, Paul Scott, Sherrie Tucker, Sara Wilson

**Also present:** Herb Tuttle

### Announcements

- Policy revisions concerning the *new one-month rule* and the *new summer enrollment* non-requirement for post-comp students have been published.
  1. Receptive, open-minded, and data-oriented administrators in the Provost's Office helped immensely with getting these revisions passed.
  2. Graduate Studies is working on communicating these to all affected and interested parties, and would appreciate your help with that.
- The Parental Accommodation Policy proposal is still awaiting the Provost's Office approval.
- An additional set of federal guidance issued in Fall 2016 has prompted KU and the Academic Accelerator Program to look at revising how students can be best placed into one of several levels of the Master's Accelerator Program. This spring, EC may be asked to consider further revisions to our admissions policy now that federal oversight explicitly permits Pathway admissions and tailored Pathway programs of study.
- Reminder: Hooding is Ticketed and Registration is Required
  1. Please start early with reminding and preparing students.
  2. All graduates will be limited to a maximum of 4 tickets. GS will not distribute leftover tickets or take requests for extras.
  3. 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.
- Graduate Studies has received feedback on the Council's efforts in this year's Program Review. The Council has been thanked for its energies and for helping to identify weaknesses in the process, which will be addressed before the next cycle in 2017-18.

### Review of Minutes

- 16 December 2016  
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## New Program Proposals

- Graduate Certificate in Computational Fluid Dynamics
  - *No Representative Present*
    1. The Council discussed the certificate and provided feedback for the proposing department.
- Graduate Certificate in Foundations of Engineering Management
  - *Representative: Herb Tuttle*
  - Assistant Dean Tuttle introduced a new Graduate Certificate proposal in Foundations of Engineering Management and fielded questions.
    1. Assistant Dean Tuttle provided an overview of the certificate’s goals and structure.
    2. The Council discussed the relationship between this certificate and the certificate proposal in Project Management, as well as the relationship of both proposals to the existing master’s degrees in these areas.
    3. The Council discussed course requirements, prerequisites, and faculty assignments.
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    3. The Council discussed regional and national competition from similar programs and the extent to which these several credentials overlap within the department’s offerings.
- Graduate Certificate in Public Interest Design
  - *No Representative Present*
    - \* The Executive Council reviewed a draft of this proposal in August 2016.
    - \* The Council discussed the certificate and provided feedback for the proposing department.

## Votes

- New Program Proposals
  - GCRT in Computational Fluid Dynamics

- \* The Council voted to roll this proposal back to the department for further development and outlined several questions.
- GCRT in Foundations of Engineering Management
  - \* The Council voted unanimously to approve this proposal.
- GCRT in Foundations of Project Management
  - \* The Council voted unanimously to approve this proposal.
- GCRT in Public Interest Design
  - \* The Council voted to approve this proposal with one abstention.

### **Administrative Discussion**

- Planning for Future Policy Revisions
  1. Dean Roberts requested that Council members provide feedback about any policies they encounter which may need reconsideration and revision.
  2. He suggested possibilities might include:
    - Advising for non-degree graduate students who wish to become degree-seeking
    - More robust provision for mediated attendance in graduate examinations
    - Sexual Harassment and professional conduct in graduate study

**Next Meeting:** 10 February 2017 — 2:00 pm in 210 Strong Hall