

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 27 October 2017

Present: Dean Michael C. Roberts (Chair), Norman Akers, Thomas DeLuca, Apurba Dutta, Debra Hedden, Scott Reinardy, Paul Scott, Milena Stanislavova, Michael Werle (Ex Officio), Herb Tuttle, Assistant Dean Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff)

Absent: Tamara Baker, Mahasweta Banerjee, Marie-Alice L'Heureux, Ahreum Maeng, Sherrie Tucker

Also present: Aileen Ball, Barbara Russell

Called to Order — 14:00

Announcements

- The Launch KU crowdfunding site to support the Graduate Student Emergency Fund opened on Monday 30 October.
- Dean Roberts updated the Council concerning the Graduate Scholarly Presentation Travel Fund.
 - In the aftermath of Student Senate's failure to fund their portion of this award money, Provost Bendapudi provided \$40,000 to replenish the missing funds for this year.
 - These funds are provided in the hope that Student Senate will resume their funding support for this award next year.
- Doctoral Student Research Fund
 - This award is funded by the KU Office of Research.
 - Dean Roberts provided some statistics concerning this fall's application window.
 - * Applications were open for one week.
 - * Graduate Studies received applications for four times as much money as it is able to award this fall.
 - Dean Roberts also reminded the Council that this award may also be in jeopardy in the future, despite the clear need for its support across campus.
- Dean Roberts reminded the Council about the plans being implemented for the new Self Graduating Senior Fellowship.
 - Students in all departments are eligible.
 - Graduate Studies has drafted procedures and defined the oversight committee for administration of the award.
 - Dean Roberts expects to make 14 awards each year of \$10,000 apiece.
 - Students will be allowed to combine this Fellowship with most other types of additional funding but not the UGF, the Self Graduate Fellowship, or the Chancellor's Doctoral Fellowship.
 - Students entering their final (master's) year of a 4+1 program will be eligible.
 - Graduate Studies has collected data showing how many students would have been eligible, in recent years, for the new Self Graduating Senior Fellowship we are developing in accordance with Mr. Self's latest \$4m bequest.

Master's Students

School	SU/FA 2015	SP 2016	SU/FA 2016	SP 2017	SU/FA 2017
ARCHG	2		3		7
ARTSG	1		1		2
BUSG	69	59	64	64	52
CLASG	44	2	34	1	29
EDUCG	23	4	19	2	14
ENGRG	22	14	23	14	34
JOURG			3		6
MUSCG	6		2		2
PHARG					1
SOCWG	35		36		42

Doctoral Students

School	SU/FA 2015	SP 2016	SU/FA 2016	SP 2017	SU/FA 2017
ARCHG					
ARTSG					
BUSG					
CLASG	5	1	7		9
EDUCG			4		1
ENGRG	5		9	2	13
JOURG					
MUSCG					
PHARG	1		2		1
SOCWG					

Review of Minutes

- 15 September 2017
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Program Review

- Barbara Russell and Aileen Ball joined the Council to provide guidance about Program Review processes and the systems the Council will use to conduct its review.
- The Provost's Office has requested that the Council complete its review during the 15 December meeting and provide feedback to the Provost's Office the following Monday.
- The programs undergoing this stage of review this year are:
 - Chemistry
 - Environmental Studies
 - Geography
 - Math
 - Physics & Astronomy
 - School of Architecture
 - Department of Design
 - Department of Planning

- School of Social Welfare
- School of Journalism
- The Council discussed how programs would be assigned to members for review. Each member will rank their preferences and Graduate Studies will form subcommittees for each program.
- Dean Roberts asked Council members to use the text boxes in the review forms to contextualize their program ratings.

Policy Revisions

- Second Review:
Doctoral Degree Comprehensive Oral Examinations
 - Graduate Studies received a request to review the minimum interval allowed between a first (unsuccessful) and second attempt at the oral comprehensive exam.
 - The proposal removes specific stipulation of a minimum interval and increases departmental flexibility to determine appropriate intervals.
 - No objections were raised during Stakeholder Review.
 - The Council confirmed the revised policy will still allow for a maximum of three attempts at the comprehensive exam.
- Second Review:
GTA, GRA, and GA (3G) General Guidelines and Eligibility
 - Human Resources Management (HRM) no longer recommends limiting 3G appointments to 72.5% FTE during summer terms as a method to manage eligibility concerns under the Affordable Care Act Regulations.
 - This policy revision reflects their new guidance by clarifying when appointment limits apply to 3G appointments.
 - During Stakeholder Review, International Student Services requested the addition of a reminder that international students may still be subject to additional employment limitations.
 - The Council discussed what would happen if a student did become eligible for the Employee Health Plan (SEHP) and opt into it. The Council determined that questions about this should be referred to Human Resources Management.

Votes

- The Council voted to approve the revisions to the Doctoral Degree Comprehensive Oral Examinations policy.
- The Council voted to approve the revisions to the GTA, GRA, and GA General Guidelines and Eligibility policy.

Adjourned — 14:42