

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 15 December 2017

Present: Dean Michael C. Roberts (Chair), Thomas DeLuca, Apurba Dutta, Debra Hedden, Marie-Alice L'Heureux, Scott Reinardy, Milena Stanislavova, Herb Tuttle, Assistant Dean Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff), Jessy Carolina Ayestas Hernandez (Staff)

Absent: Norman Akers, Tamara Baker, Mahasweta Banerjee, Ahreum Maeng, Paul Scott, Sherrie Tucker, Michael Werle (Ex Officio)

Also present: Victor Frost, Jim Stiles

Called to Order: 14:04

Announcements

- Launch KU crowdfunding project has achieved 50% of target amount so far. These funds are expendable funds that will be expended directly to graduate students.
- Updates from the Annual Meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools
 - Dean Roberts is optimistic after the conference this year.
 - There was discussion of how the proposed tax bill could adversely affect graduate students and higher ed more broadly. KU has been communicating this information internally as it becomes available. KU has formal representation of its interests in external contexts.

Review of Minutes

- 17 November 2017
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

New Program Proposals

- Graduate Certificate in RF Systems Engineering
 - *Representative: Victor Frost*
 - Professor Frost introduced a new Graduate Certificate proposal in RF Systems Engineering and fielded questions.
 1. This proposal was developed in response to requests from leadership at Garmin.
 2. The Council discussed how remote lecture attendance would be handled in this context.

Program Review

- Schools
 - Architecture & Design

- Journalism
- Social Welfare

- Departments

- Chemistry
- Design
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Math
- Physics & Astronomy
- Planning

1. The Council discussed when the data informing these reports and materials became available and what periods of time they reflected.
2. The Council discussed the appropriateness of Academic Analytics data in various contexts.
3. The Council discussed expectations and best practices concerning doctoral time to degree.

Votes

- Graduate Certificate in RF Systems Engineering: Passed Unanimously

Adjourned: 15:01