

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 19 April 2019

Present: Interim Dean Audrey Lamb (Chair), Thomas DeLuca, Chris Johnson, Tien-Tsung Lee, Marie-Alice L'Heureux, Yan Li, Joshua Miner, Tarun Sabarwal, Andrew Short, Sherri Tucker, Herb Tuttle, Michael Wolfe, Assistant Dean Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff), Jessy Carolina Ayestas Hernandez (Staff)

Absent: Ed Scanlon, Michael Werle (Ex Officio), Mike Wilkins

Also present: Marta Caminero-Santangelo

Called to Order: 15:01

Announcements

- Dean Lamb thanked the Council Members who will conclude their terms this semester.
 1. Tom DeLuca
 2. Marie-Alice L'Heureux
 3. Ed Scanlon
 4. Sherrie Tucker
- The call for nomination of new members will wait until the Graduate Studies Advisory Committee (GSAC) has made its recommendations and there is a clear picture for the future.
- Dean Lamb notified the Council that GSAC will convene its final meeting to present recommendations to Provost Lejuez on 3 May.

New Program Proposals

- Accelerated Master's program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
 - *Representative: Marta Caminero-Santangelo*
 - Professor Caminero-Santangelo introduced the new Accelerated Master's program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and fielded questions.
 1. The accelerated master's proposal was developed to respond to a drop in MA enrollments in the Center for Latin-American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) since the creation of Global and International Studies (GIST). The relative appeal of GIST appears to be a national trend so CLACS views this combination of a GIST undergraduate degree with a CLACS minor as likely to be a particularly appealing way to develop the broad undergraduate training by focusing on a specialist area on a compressed schedule.
 2. Both the undergraduate and graduate degrees are identical to their standalone counterparts. They leverage electives to streamline completion of all standard requirements for both degrees.

3. Maintaining or improving CLACS enrollments is important as KU seeks to maintain the center's Title VI funding. Their most recent application was successful, winning \$1.7 million over the next four years. This award hinges on advancing additional proposals for online master's program options.
4. Professor Caminero-Santangelo requested a minor copy edit, which Amber will make before forwarding the proposal to the Provost.
5. The Council asked how the program will meet the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC's) requirements that at least 50% of a master's degree must be comprised of coursework designed for graduate credit. The master's degree relies heavily on cross-listed courses through several departments in the College. They offer wide range and availability of courses at this level. In addition, CLACS is reviving and revising its LAA 701 seminar to better meet the needs of these students.
6. The Council discussed allocation of faculty effort required to support this program.
7. The Council discussed the undergraduate-level course numbers that may be used to satisfy a master's graduation requirement. This is typical of graduate-level language requirements in the College; undergraduate courses may be used to achieve minimum speaking and reading proficiency though they will not earn graduate credit that counts toward the degree.

Policy Proposals

- Graduate Faculty Appointments

- **Second Review**

- Amber introduced the proposal for its second review and summarized the feedback received during Stakeholder review.
- The proposed changes made this round include:
 - * Clarification: Appointments to the Graduate Faculty will be required for graduate committee service, only.
 - In future, Faculty Development will have the responsibility for reviewing teaching credentials, including graduate-level teaching.
 - Graduate Studies will continue to review nominations to the Graduate Faculty, which will be required only for individuals serving on graduate exam committees.
 - * Clarification of Graduate Faculty appointment durations: Members of KU's regular tenured and tenure-track faculty may be appointed indefinitely. Others may be appointed for durations up to five years at a time and renewable indefinitely.
 - * Clarification: All potential members of committees must be nominated, including newly hired tenured and tenure-track faculty, to streamline the process of getting newly-hired faculty into the database in a timely fashion.

1. The Council discussed stakeholder concerns about a possible inconsistency with the Graduate Credit policy. They endorsed a technical edit to bring the Graduate Credit policy language into alignment (see below).
2. The Council discussed the potential for GTAs to be independent instructors of record for courses that will bear graduate credit. They determined this did not pose a significant risk but Graduate Studies will continue to monitor this.
3. The Council discussed a possible inconsistency with the graduate committee composition policies. They determined the committee composition policies enhance and

clarify the minimum requirement that an exam chair must be internal to the student's home department. Committee composition rules classify courtesy professors as internal for the purposes of exams.

- FYI – Technical Edit: Graduate Credit

- **First Review**

- This revision is a minor alteration to the conditions a course must meet to count for graduate credit. It is intended to increase the flexibility of policy language to accommodate process change at the university.
 - The Policy Office has confirmed this edit is a technical change, not a substantive one. Therefore, it does not require governance review.

1. The Council endorsed this technical edit.

Review of Minutes

- 1 March 2019
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Vote

- Accelerated Master's in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Forwarded for Provost's Approval
- Graduate Faculty Appointments
Forwarded for Provost's Approval

Adjourned: 15:17

Next Meeting: 10 May 2019 — 3:00 pm in 210 Strong Hall