

## Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 28 August 2020

**Present:** Jennifer Roberts (Chair), Jody Brook, Hui Cai, Matt Gillispie, Heidi Hallman, Yan Li, Joshua Miner, Matt Tidwell, Andrew Short, Jide Wintoki, Michael Wolfe, Mike Werle (Ex Officio), Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Kristine Latta (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff), Jessy Carolina Ayestas Hernandez (Staff),

**Absent:** Robert Parsons, Anna Paradis (Staff)

### Announcements

- Vice Provost Roberts welcomed back the Executive Council for the start of a new year. Council members introduced themselves and welcomed this year's new members:
  - Matt Tidwell, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, is both new and returning, since he is starting his first full term after filling in for someone last year.
  - Jide Wintoki is beginning his first term representing the School of Business.
- Vice Provost Roberts announced that the Office of Graduate Studies is offering a four-part DGS Development Series this fall, to support DGSes in helping their graduate students navigate an extremely unusual semester start.
  - Sessions will occur from noon to 1:00 pm every other Friday, starting with the one today (28 August).
  - Sessions will be recorded and posted on [our website](#) for those who cannot attend synchronously.
  - Associate Deans, School Graduate Coordinators, OGS Liaisons, EC Members, and others who would benefit from these sessions are welcome to attend.
- Dr. Roberts Graham oriented the Council to tools and updates the Council will use this year to conduct business, including a new Microsoft Teams site, a more comprehensive web page, and some navigation improvements in the PDF agenda.

### Review of Minutes

- 8 May 2020  
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### Policy Revision Proposals

- [Doctoral Program Time Constraints](#)
  - Dr. Roberts Graham provided an overview of the context and motivation to consider this policy change. Historically, this has been the policy that contained a physical, on-campus residency requirement. Among other things, the proposed revisions eliminate such a residency requirement and replace it with enrollment requirements that set a bar for rigor and engagement, regardless of whether the mode of delivery is online or on-ground.

- These revisions respond to the needs of some professional schools to develop distance doctoral programs serving working professional students.
- The Council raised and discussed the following considerations.
  - \* What will be the expectations for students who come to KU trailing new faculty hires?
  - \* Will a minimum or “floor” of 4 contiguous semesters with at least 3 hours of enrollment present a barrier to any of your programs’ effective operation? Is it necessary to change this to 2 contiguous semesters with at least 6 hours of enrollment?
  - \* A name change for this policy seems most appropriate; is that within the scope of this revision?
  - \* This policy should use broader language to refer to a "dissertation or academic equivalent".
- The Council endorsed this draft of the policy revision proposal for circulation for the standard two-week, campus-wide stakeholder review, to gather additional feedback.
- Proposed Bylaws: Executive Council of Graduate Faculty
  - Dr. Roberts Graham provided an overview of the context and motivation to develop bylaws. Last year, the Council accepted the charge of developing bylaws. The most recent round of revision occurred in January 2020 but the viral pandemic disrupted further consideration during spring 2020.
  - The Council reviewed a new draft which included substantial additions and developments following the January discussion as well as our learning experiences throughout the Spring 2020 semester.
  - Vice Provost Roberts asked the Council to finalize its bylaws during the Fall 2020 semester.
  - The Council discussed the following considerations:
    - \* There are several options for balancing turnover, regular influx of new perspectives, and the steep learning curve required for effective contribution. Ultimately, the Council recommended pursuing an allowance for schools to set their own term limits for this body.
    - \* The Council supports a provision that negligent representatives may be removed and replaced, and they provided some feedback about mechanisms to include in the next draft.
  - Dr. Roberts Graham will prepare specific discussion questions to guide development of new articles during the next Council meeting.

## Petitions for Exception to GS Policy

- [Seniors and Graduate Study](#)
  - *Representative: Kristine Latta*
  - **Decision:** Approved

- **Dismissed Enrollment – SPED**
  - *Representative: Heidi Hallman*
  - **Decision:** Approved
- **Dismissed Enrollment – ELPS**
  - *Representative: Heidi Hallman*
  - **Decision:** Approved

### **Graduate Faculty Nominations**

- **Approved as Proposed:**
  - Jiwoong Choi (BIOE)
  - Kristopher J. Preacher (PSYC)
  - Tamara A. Baker (PSYC)
  - Antje Ziethen (FRIT)
  - R. Edward Minchin, Jr. (BIOE)
- **Approved with Technical Modification:**
  - Robert Edwin Ward (MB)

**Next Meeting:** Friday 18 September 2020, 2:00 p.m.