

# Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 2:00–4:00pm  
210 Strong Hall, CLAS conference room

Presiding: Michael C. Roberts

Members present: Mahasweta Banerjee, James Daugherty, Van Kelly, Ahreum Maeng, Scott Reinardy,  
John Staniunas, John Stobaugh, Michael Werle, and Sara Wilson

Staff: Austin Fitts and Roberta Pokphanh

Guests: Audrey Lamb, Tracy Russo, and Angela Gist

## AGENDA

1. Announcements
  2. Review of minutes: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015
  3. Program proposals
    - a) Graduate certificate: Chemical Biology
    - b) Graduate certificate: Professional Workplace Communication
  4. Discussion
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### 1. Announcements by the Dean of Graduate Studies

Dean Roberts opened the meeting at 2:02pm and made several announcements on current events in Graduate Studies. Dean Roberts provided the Council with information on potential changes to the grading basis for thesis and dissertation courses as well as changes to the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, including required registration for the event.

### 2. Review of minutes: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dean Roberts asked the Council to review the minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were no changes or concerns.

Updated minutes are available on the Executive Council of Graduate Faculty website:  
<http://www.graduate.ku.edu/executive-council-graduate-faculty>

### 3. Program proposals

#### a) Graduate certificate: Chemical Biology

Dean Roberts introduced Professor Lamb from Molecular Biosciences. Professor Lamb described the development of the program and how it will help the University stay cutting edge. Dean Roberts indicated to the Council that the certificate will be a joint effort by the College and the School of Pharmacy, but will reside in the College.

The Council had no concerns and unanimously approved the new certificate program.

#### b) Graduate certificate: Professional Workplace Communication

Dean Roberts introduced Professor Russo and Professor Gist from Communication Studies and Professor Russo described how the new certificate will fit the needs of their students. The Council discussed the new hire at the Edwards Campus and the interdisciplinary aspects of the new program.

The Council decided to table a vote on the new certificate program until Communication Studies was able to correspond with the School of Business and the School of Journalism about a possible collaboration.

4. Discussion

Dean Roberts raised a discussion of the CGS April 15<sup>th</sup> resolution for offering financial support to graduate student applicants. The Council discussed the need to review changes to existing programs and the current process for reviewing changes at the University.

Dean Roberts adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Austin Fitts