

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

February 27th, 2015, 2:00–4:00pm
210 Strong Hall, CLAS conference room

Presiding: Michael C. Roberts

Members present: James Daugherty, Brian Laird, Ahreum Maeng (*in place of Promothesh Chatterjee*), Sandra Olsen, Mahbub Rashid, Scott Reinardy, John Staniunas, John Stobaugh, Dave Tell, and Sara Wilson

Staff: Austin Fitts and Roberta Pokphanh

AGENDA

1. Review of minutes: February 6th, 2015
 2. Policy review
 - a) Good Academic Standing
 - b) Graduate Credit
 3. Discussion
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1. Review of minutes: February 6th, 2015

Dean Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:05pm and asked the Council to review the minutes from the February 6th 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>

2. Policy review

- a) Good Academic Standing

Dean Roberts moved the Council's attention to the meeting agenda and the two policy drafts under consideration. The Council discussed the proposed draft on Good Academic Standing and the Council made minor edits to the policy language.

The Council moved to approve the proposed policy draft.

- b) Graduate Credit

Dean Roberts indicated that the Graduate Credit policy draft would next move to stakeholder review and that this is an opportunity for initial review by the Council.

The Council discussed different scenarios of master's transfer credit. Assistant Dean Pokphanh shared the minimums put in place by the Higher Learning Commission. The Council moved to discussion on graduate credit used previously to complete a degree and made minor edits to the policy draft.

Dean Roberts informed the Council that the proposed policy draft will now go out for stakeholder review.

3. Discussion

Dean Roberts raised discussion of the Council's role in reviewing changes to existing programs and asked for feedback on what the Council would consider a "significant" change. The Council members offered several examples of program changes including changes to examination requirements and the number of credit hours required. The Council inquired about the minimums established for accreditation. Assistant Dean Pokphanh and Austin Fitts agreed to work with the Provost's Office and report back regarding the minimums set by the Higher Learning Commission and the Kansas Board of Regents to inform the next stage of discussion. A checklist of specific elements will be developed to use in making decisions about major changes that would prompt a review by Executive Council.

Dean Roberts distributed a handout with draft language and some examples to open a discussion of the measurable metrics for graduate degree programs as requested by the Provost's Office. The Council discussed examples of possible metrics related to their respective academic units to include in the collection of program metrics.

Dean Roberts adjourned the meeting at 3:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Austin Fitts