The University of Kansas  
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences  
COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES  

MINUTES  
April 9, 2015, 11:00AM  
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

Members Present: Justin Blumenstiel, Chris Elles, Peter Grund, ChangHwan Kim, Peter Ojiambo, Armin Schulz, Milena Stanislavova, Ric Steele, Patrick Terry (Graduate Student), Carmen Torre Perez (Graduate Student)

Others in attendance: Kristine Latta (COGA), Cindy Lynn (COGA), and Jim Mielke (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stanislavova at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 5, 2015, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Informational Item: New Agenda Format  
(Cindy Lynn, reporting)

Cindy explained the updated formatting to members of CGS. The updated format is used by CAC and should help clarify agenda items.

Report of the Program and Curricular Changes (PCC) Subcommittee  
(Dr. Blumenstiel, reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve all curricular changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

A. Curricular Changes:

1. NEW COURSES: CLP 944, CLP 945

2. CHANGES: PHIL 885

3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the LA&S 720 New Course with the following friendly amendment. The motion was approved unanimously.

CHANGE: NEW COURSE
LA&S 720 Introduction to Language Teaching Research (3)  
An introductory study of topics in language teaching research with the focus on higher education contexts. Intended for graduate students in any area of
specialization related to foreign language teaching and learning. **Required for the certificate program in Second Language Studies.** Consent of instructor LEC.

4. **NOTE:** A new course, GIST 810, was also approved by CGS, however Global and International Studies subsequently requested to table the course.

**Report of the Proposals, Awards, and Scholarships (PAS) Subcommitee**  
(Dr. Ric Steele, reporting)

Dr. Steele reported on the 2015 award selections. Notifications have gone out to the students selected for the Master’s Thesis Award, and the Howard J. Baumgartel Peace and Justice Award. The Prize Patrol will make the presentations and announcements for the Byron A. Alexander Graduate Mentor Award, and the John C. Wright Graduate Mentor Award selections.

CGS discussed possible strategies for encouraging more thesis and research project award nominations.

**Old Business**  
(Cindy Lynn, reporting)

The registrar requested to discontinue the use of the International Theatre Studies (ITS) cross listing due to inactive status of the program. Cross listings were removed from courses in the following departments: CLSX, ENGL, FMS, FREN, SLAV, SPAN, and THR.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Stanislavova at 11:45 a.m.

**Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is **Thursday, April 23, 2015, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.**

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lynn, COGA*