The University of Kansas  
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences  
COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES  
MINUTES  
October 25, 2012 11:00AM  
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

Members Present: Eve Levin (Chair), Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Paulyn Cartwright, Byron Caminero-Santangelo, Chris Elles, Allison Gabriele, Tanya Hart, Paul Johnson, Ed Morris, Abbie Hodgson (Graduate Student), Stephanie Meador (Graduate Student), Patrick Terry (Graduate Student), Shay Wood (Graduate Student)

Others in attendance: Darren Canady (ENGL), Kij Johnson (ENGL), Holly Storkel (SPLH), Kristine Latta (COGA), Cindy Lynn (COGA) Jim Mielke (ex-officio) and Lea Smith (COGA)

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

Minutes  
A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 11, 2012, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Policies, Procedures & Awards Subcommittee  
(Dr. Cartwright, chair, reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the subcommittee’s recommendations to the dean for best practices and learner outcomes for GTAs. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Curricular Changes Subcommittee  
(Dr. Elles, chair, reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following new courses recommended by the subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.

A. LING 852, SPLH 900, SPLH 976

Dr. Storkel responded on behalf of SPLH to questions from the CGS regarding the SPLH proposed new courses.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following course changes recommended by the subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. SPLH 964, SPLH 974

Dr. Storkel responded on behalf of SPLH to questions from the CGS regarding the SPLH course changes.

Report of the Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee  
(Dr. Gabrielle, chair, reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following program change recommended by the subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.

A. English MFA. The department, on the recommendation of the Creative Writing committee, requested that 803 be dropped as a requirement and replaced with a rigorous program of focused mentoring coupled with a series of meetings to address the specifics of creative writing course preparation.
Darren Canady (Assistant Professor, ENGL), Kij Johnson (Assistant Professor, ENGL), and Dr. Caminero-Santangelo responded to questions from the subcommittee regarding the proposed changes and distributed an explanatory document.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following program change recommended by the subcommittee. The motion was approved contingent on revisions to be submitted.

B. SPLH PhD changes to program that include the creation of different course requirements dependent upon undergraduate or graduate entry into the program.

Dr. Storkel responded to questions from the CGS regarding the proposed changes.

New Business
Dr. Caminero-Santangelo brought concerns about the Time Limit Extension petition process to the committee. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee will work with the Policy, Procedures, and Award Sub-committee to address this aspect of the Dean’s charge related to reducing doctoral student time to degree.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Levin at 11:50 am.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meetings of the CGS Subcommittees are November 1, 2012.
- Curricular Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., via email
- Petitions & Program Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., via Black Board
- Policies, Procedures, and Awards, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 210 Strong Hall

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is Thursday, November 8, 2012, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lynn, COGA