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

MINUTES  
December 13, 2012 11:00AM  
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

Members Present: Eve Levin (Chair), Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Byron Caminero-Santangelo, Chris Elles, Allison Gabriele, Ed Morris, Milena Stanislavova, Paul Johnson, Patrick Terry (Graduate Student), Shay Wood (Graduate Student)  

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Levin at 11:04 a.m.  

Minutes  
A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 29, 2012 minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.  

Report of the Policies, Procedures & Awards Subcommittee  
(Dr. Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, reporting)  

Dr. Ajayi-Soyinka reported that the subcommittee met with Directors of Graduate Study across the College to discuss GRA supervisory practices, relating to the carryover Dean’s Charge from 2011-2012 on GRA Learner Outcomes. A final report will be presented to the CGS in Spring 2013.  

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

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

A. New courses: MATH 951  

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

B. Course deletions: INS 878 (Previously GINS 878)  

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the GEOG PHD proposal pending the department’s approval of the following amendments to the proposed text. The motion was approved unanimously.  

A. GEOG PHD. The department requested that the FLORS language be replaced with Research Skills Requirement, and that a statement be added to reflect the Responsible Scholarship requirement. The committee recommended the following word change:  

Proposed:
Students whose native language is not English may, in some cases, use their native language to fulfill Research Skills but only if the language is considered an adequate research tool for their program and is justified by the student’s advisor and committee members.

Revised by CGS:

Students whose native language is not English may, in some cases, use their native language to fulfill Research Skills but only if the language is considered an adequate research tool for their program and is endorsed by the student’s advisor and committee members.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following program change, pending the department’s approval of the following amendments to the proposed text. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. VAE M.A. The Visual Art Education Department inserted language to clarify that VAE 890 and the final examination for the degree receive separate grades, and to explain the circumstances under which students will be given an oral, in addition to a written, final exam.

Proposed:

Marginal and failing exams may be followed by faculty requests for amplification of exam questions and an oral exam for their discussion.

Revised by CGS:

If the written exam is deemed marginal by a majority of the student’s committee, the student will be required to take an additional oral exam.

New Business
Kristine Latta informed the committee that she is finalizing revisions of the College Program Requirements and General Regulations section of the catalog. The final document containing revisions will be presented to the committee as an information item at the next CGS meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Levin at 11:42 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meetings of the CGS Subcommittees are January 17, 2013.

- Curricular Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., via email
- Petitions & Program Changes, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., via Blackboard
- 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, January 24, 2013, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Leatrice M. Smith, COGA