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

AGENDA
January 24, 2013, 11:00AM
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

I. Approval of the December 13, 2012 Minutes

II. Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee Report
   A. New Program: Geography, MS
   B. Change in Program: Visual Art Education, MA

III. Old Business

IV. New Business
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Members Present: Eve Levin (Chair), Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Byron Caminero-Santangelo, Chris Elles, Allison Gabrielle, 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
II. Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee Report

A. New Degree Program: Geography, MS

See Addendum

B. Visual Art Education

The CGS reviewed an earlier version of these changes at their December 13, 2012, meeting. In response to recommendations by the CGS, the VAE department has submitted the following changes for approval.

M.A. in Visual Art Education

(OLD) Current Program description in catalog:

Examination Option: Students take a total of 37 credit hours in required core courses (including VAE 875 Research in Art Education) and elective courses with 36 credit hours in regularly scheduled classes. Students also take a 1-credit-hour course, VAE 890 Preparation for the M.A. Examination, devoted to preparing and completing a written and oral final examination. The examination requires students to demonstrate their knowledge of current issues in the field.

Proposed by CGS on December 13, 2012

(NEW) Proposed Program description for catalog:

Examination Option: Students take a total of 37 credit hours in required core courses (including VAE 875 Research in Art Education) and elective courses with 36 credit hours in regularly scheduled classes. Students also take a 1-credit-hour course, VAE 890 Preparation for the M.A. Examination, devoted to preparing for a written and/or oral final examination. Preparation for the examination occurs during the first half of the semester and provides the basis for the course grade. The written and/or oral examination, taken during the second half of the semester, requires students to demonstrate their knowledge of current issues in the field. 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) Proposed by VAE Program description for catalog:

Examination Option: Students take a total of 37 credit hours in required core courses (including VAE 875 Research in Art Education) and elective courses with 36 credit hours in regularly scheduled classes. Students also take a 1-credit-hour course, VAE 890 Preparation for the M.A. Examination, devoted to preparing for a written and/or oral final examination. Preparation for the examination occurs during the first half of the semester and provides the basis for the course grade. The written and/or oral examination, taken during the second half of the semester, requires students to demonstrate their knowledge of current issues in the field. If the written exam is deemed unsatisfactory by a majority of the students’ committee, the student will be required to rewrite part or all of the exam, and/or take an additional oral exam.

The change(s) to this program will first take effect Spring 2013 or the earliest date when change is in effect.

JUSTIFICATION:
VAE faculty seek to clarify the VAE 890 course activity and the subsequent grading, distinguishing it from the examination process, which is evaluated separately.

IV. Old Business

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