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

MINUTES
October 10, 2013, 11:00AM
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

Members Present: Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Brian Ackley, Byron Caminero-Santangelo, Paulyn Cartwright, Peter Grund, Marni Kessler, ChangHwan Kim, Milena Stanislavova (Chair), Ric Steele, Alesia Woszidlo, Abbie Hodgson (Graduate Student)

Others in attendance: Donna Tucker (ATMO) Kristine Latta (COGA), Cindy Lynn (COGA), Jim Mielke (ex-officio) and Emily Dodson (GA, COGA)

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

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 26, 2013, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies, as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Proposals, Awards, and Scholarships (PAS) Subcommittee
(Dr. Paulyn Cartwright reporting)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Atmospheric Science, PhD proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Cartwright introduced Dr. Tucker, who responded on behalf of GEOG to questions from the CGS regarding the Atmospheric Science proposed new degree.

A motion was made and seconded to table the Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, FAST MA proposal until a departmental representative is available to attend. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

A. Program Changes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the HA, MA/PhD proposal with the following friendly amendment. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. HA, MA/PhD
   The dissertation proposal must be approved by the student’s primary advisor and the graduate faculty within three months of passing the comprehensive Ph.D. examinations.
The proposal must be approved by the primary advisor prior to its distribution to the graduate faculty. The student is strongly encouraged to work closely with his/her primary advisor immediately following the comprehensive examination to meet this deadline.

Dr. Kessler responded to questions from the subcommittee regarding the proposed changes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the subcommittee for curricular changes to the following new courses and course change. The motion was approved unanimously with a friendly amendment of prerequisite language to be submitted to CAC for French 795 and FREN 995

Prerequisite: Departmental permission.

B. Curricular Changes:

1. New courses: BIOL 757; FREN 795
2. Course changes: FREN 995

Report of the Policies and Student Petitions (PSP) Subcommittee
(Dr. Byron Caminero-Santangelo reporting)

Dr. Caminero-Santangelo informed the full committee of the subcommittee’s progress on the Dean’s Charges. A meeting of a small group of Directors of Graduate Study to discuss time to degree is in the planning stages.

New Business

As a point of information, Dr. Latta told CGS that since the Master of Arts in Chemistry program has been inactive since Fall 2009, it will be officially discontinued. This action was taken at the request the department and does not need CGS or CAC approval.

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

Upcoming Meetings

The next meetings of the CGS Subcommittees are:
- (PAS) Proposals, Awards, and Scholarships, TBD.
- (PCC) Program and Curricular Changes, Thursday, October 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., via Black Board
- (PSP) Policies and Student Petitions, Thursday, October 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Student petition review via Blackboard.

The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is Thursday, October 24, 2013, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall.
Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lynn, COGA