Committee members in attendance:  Kelly Berkson, Stuart Day, Greg Burg, Pete Henry, Jim Mielke, Stephen Sanders, John Staniunas and Holly Storkel
Others in attendance:  Shawn Alexander, Jessica Beeson, Shelly Cline, Ann Cudd, Allan Hanson, Van Kelly, Beverly Mack, Greg Madden, Kim McNeley, Dorothy Pennington, Becca Peterson, Gitti Salami, Anne Sawyer, Joe Steinmetz, Bill Tsutsui, Peter Ukpokodu, Rob Weaver

The meeting was called to order by Dean Steinmetz at 4:04 PM.

Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 10, 2009 minutes of the College Academic Council as written.  The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Committee on Graduate Studies (CGS)
(Allan Hanson, Chair, reporting)

- The following new courses were presented to CAC for consideration:
  AAAS 700, AAAS 701, AAAS 715, AAAS 716, AAAS 720, AAAS 723, AAAS 730, AAAS 731, AAAS 732, AAAS 733, AAAS 734, AAAS 735, AAAS 740, AAAS 745, AAAS 749, AAAS 750, AAAS 760, AAAS 770, AAAS 774, AAAS 788, AAAS 801, AAAS 802, AAAS 803, AAAS 804, AAAS 810, AAAS 811, AAAS 812, AAAS 822, AAAS 825, AAAS 827, AAAS 830, AAAS 832, AAAS 834, AAAS 843, AAAS 845, AAAS 851, AAAS 852, AAAS 853, AAAS 855, AAAS 857, AAAS 860, AAAS 874, AAAS 880, AAAS 884, AAAS 885, AAAS 890, AAAS 898, AAAS 899, ENGL 725, ENGL 750, ENGL 760, ENGL 764, ENGL 776, ENGL 777, GINS 803, GINS 814, REL 704.
  - There was concern expressed by the chair of the CGS regarding some of the AAAS courses on the agenda due to the fact that the identical course descriptions for these new courses existed for AAAS courses at the 400-, 500- and 600-levels.  These concerns were discussed among members of the CAC and other meeting attendees. Professor Van Kelly, Chair of the Department of French & Italian, also voiced concerns about AAAS 732. Professor Kelly said he had not been given sufficient notice of the AAAS Department’s plan to include AAAS 732 as part of the AAAS MA program curriculum.
  - After a motion and a second, the above new courses were approved unanimously, pending,
    1. deletion of AAAS 732, which the CAC tabled for further review, and
    2. amendment of the AAAS course descriptions to reflect that the courses are graduate level
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the CGS for the following course changes:
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the CGS for the following course deletions:
    BIOL 808, GERM 700, REES 709, REES 714. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - A motion was made to approve the recommendation from the CGS for changes in the Molecular Biosciences program. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - New business:  The CGS proposed changes in wording in the Graduate Catalog regarding General Examination for M.A. and M.S. Degrees. A handout was distributed (Addendum 1) that provided both the current and proposed language. It was noted that the Executive Council of Graduate Faculty (ECGF) had, at their previous meeting just a week earlier, voted to change the wording, but with less stringent requirements than the CGS recommendation. The CGS will present a new recommendation to the CAC in light of the changes adopted by the ECGF.

Report of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising (CUSA)
(Greg Madden, Chair, reporting)
A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the CUSA for curricular changes to the following courses:
AAAS 303, AAAS 372, AAAS 429, AAAS 663, AMS 677, AMS 678, ANTH 303, ANTH 372, ANTH 663, EALC 585, ENGL 530, ENGL 677, ENGL 678, EURS 512, HIST 460, HIST 552, HIST 585, HA 150, HA 151, HA 160, HA 161, HA 566, HA 567, POLS 668, PSYC 506, TH&F 506

The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the CUSA for the following degree requirements:
1. SC Principle Course Status for AAAS 102, JWSH 350
2. Non-Western Culture Status for AAAS 303, AAAS 372, AAAS 663, ANTH 303, ANTH 372, ANTH 663
3. Creation of new Russian, East European, and Eurasian Minor

The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the CUSA for the following new emphasis:
New Concentration in African & African American Studies: Arabic and Islamic Studies

Proposed Revisions to the CLAS Student Academic Misconduct Policy
A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the CUSA of the proposed revisions to the CLAS Student Academic Misconduct Policy. The motion was approved unanimously, pending insertion of the following statement (shown here in bold): In addition to informing the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the KU Office of Research Integrity will be informed of all charges filed alleging dishonesty in research...

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dean Steinmetz at 5:14 PM.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Anne Sawyer.

College Academic Council: Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 4:00 PM, 210 Strong Hall

Addendum 1 – General Examination for M.A. and M.S. Degrees

KU Graduate Catalog
Page 18, M.A. And M.S. Degrees; middle of first column:

(Current language):

"A final general examination in the major subject is required of all candidates for the Master of Arts or Master of Science.....

.... At the option of the department, this examination may be oral or written, or partly oral and partly written. In some departments, passing a written examination is a necessary preliminary to taking the oral examination by which success or failure is judged...

...In thesis programs, a thesis defense may be a part of the degree requirements. However, such a defense does not take the place of the required general examination in the major field."

(Suggested replacement to bolded text above):

...In thesis programs, an oral thesis defense may be one of the degree requirements. Such a
defense may be offered in addition to, or in conjunction with, the required general examination in the major field.