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

MINUTES  
October 13, 2011, 11:00AM  
STRONG HALL – ROOM 210

Members Present: Eve Levin, Tanya Hart, Paulyn Cartwright, Kees Van der Veen, Daniel Katz, Diane Frome-Loeb, John Korba, Jim Mielke (ex officio),  
Others in attendance: Katie Rockey (COGA), Leatrice Smith (COGA), and Donn Parson (Communication Studies)

The meeting was called to order by Eve Levin at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes  
A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 22, 2011, minutes of the Committee on Graduate Studies. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Curricular Changes Subcommittee  
(Kees Van der Veen, reporting)

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the following curricular change proposals recommended by the Subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.  
  A. New Courses: ABSC 981, ANTH 734, LING 734
  
- A motion was made and seconded to table CHEM 844 due to the need to consult with the Chair of Chemistry. The committee needed further information to explain how this course works with comprehensive exams, how the course is beneficial to the student, and what content of the course is related to the exam. The committee asked what the justification is for this course in comparison to other Chemistry examination prep courses. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - Katie Rockey will work with the Chemistry department to obtain information and answers to the above questions.

Report of the Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee

A. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Communication Studies program change proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.  
  Dr. Donn Parsons addressed the committee’s questions and concerns regarding the proposal.
B. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Philosophy program’s change in required hours for the Ph.D. proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.
C. The committee tabled the Film & Media Studies RS2 proposal pending a change to the FMA 801 course description. The committee advised that the description should be expanded to include a reference to Responsible Scholarship and Ethics.
  - Lea Smith will work with the department to finalize a change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Levin at 11:40 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Petitions & Program Changes Subcommittee, the Curricular Changes Subcommittee, and the Policies, Procedures & Awards Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, October 20, 2011
• The next meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies is **Thursday, October 27, 2011, 11:00 a.m., 210 Strong Hall**.

*Minutes recorded by Leatrice Smith and Katie Rockey; transcribed by Leatrice Smith (Supervisor, College Office of Graduate Affairs)*