



Graduate Executive Committee
December 9, 2022
Minutes

Attendees:

Voting Members: Bingham, Andrea; Bono, Jeremy; Calhoun, Magan; Christensen, Tom; Corl, Michael; Feliciano, Leilani; Ferguson, Jeffery; Kalkur, Ts; Lewis, Rory; Liu, Kathy; Mujkic, Edin; Owens, Janel; Pearson, James; Simmons, Cathy; Stutey, Diane; Tragesser, Steve; Traylor, Carole; Vogt, Brandon; Wei, Yang; Weir, Henriikka;

Non-Voting Members: Adams, Samantha; Aicher, Thomas; Anderson-Pence, Katie; Bish, Bee; Clouse, Wendi; Daniels, Elizabeth; DuBois, David; Easter, Morgan; Glascoe, Melanie; Gorder, Peter; Harriott, Lauren; Johnson, Deanna; Klebe, Kelli; Long, Sarah; Masaud, Tarek; Moon, David; Mora, Jose;; Rupp, Mary; Sanchez, Michael; Williams, Andrea

Agenda Items:

- New Degree Program MS Aerospace Engineering (MAE: Peter Gorder; see proposal below)
GEC voted to recommend approval of the proposal for a new MS degree in Aerospace Engineering (19 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain)
- New Certificate: Power and Energy (ECE: T.S. Kalkur, Tarek Masaud; see proposal below)
GEC voted to recommend approval of the proposal for a new certificate in Power and Energy (16 in favor, 2 against, 0 abstain)
- Graduate Recruitment Event (Deanna Johnson)
 - Deanna Johnson, Graduate Recruitment Specialist presented on upcoming event for Graduate School Days (February 7 – 10, 2023) to promote graduate programs to UCCS undergraduates and staff. Deanna will be sending information to all directors. Materials will also be attached in our minutes (see below).
- Graduate Student Funding
 - All graduate funding opportunities are provided below.
 - The Graduate Research Fellowships will continue for the 2023-2024. See nomination information below. There was a request to have this be a process that students apply for rather than programs nominate. If this fellowship continues beyond 2023-2024 we will explore with GEC.
 - The new funding for doctoral students is on hold. These funds came from the CU President's office. This story in [CU Connections](#) provides some background on why these funds as well as funds for other projects are currently on hold.
 - GEC members asked if GEC should do something to advocate for these funds. Dean Klebe will find out if there is a process for prioritizing UCCS projects.
- Graduate Student Research and Professional Development Awards (formerly travel awards)
 - These are funds that students can use for travel for conferences or other professional development activities. We also give the research fellowship awardees an extra travel

award. During pandemic we opened to other research expenses beside travel. This year we have received more requests than money. GEC was asked how to limit or make decisions about priorities for funding.

- We budget about \$10,000 for these awards. To date we have received 58 applications and have approved 27 (the awards are for funds up to \$400).
- Here are some comments from GEC about who to prioritize or how to limit
 - Prioritize people presenting at conferences rather than just attending (strong support for this)
 - Prioritize travel vs research expenses
 - Only pay for conferences outside of state
 - Give smaller amounts for research expenses
 - Suggestion to only give to people later in degree program but others argued that conference presentations early in program can help students get enthused about research as well as network
- Graduate school will consider comments and make a decision and let GEC know about it at next meeting.
- Graduate Student Experience Survey
 - We are modifying this survey and plan to administer in the Spring.
 - Dean Klebe will send survey to directors to see if they have suggestions to change

Informational Items:

- [Mountain Lion Grad Slam \(3 minute thesis\)](#): Preliminary trials February 7 & 8 with Finals on Feb 10 (3:00pm start of presentations). Competition in person with virtual way to watch the finals.

Announcements:

GEC Meetings for 2022-2023 academic year: all meetings are from 10:00-11:30am

- Spring GEC Meetings
 - February 10, March 10, April 14, May 5 (One week early due to Commencement)