



Minutes—February 9, 2012
3:30 pm, Academic Affairs Conference RM 239

Members Present: Nace Magner, Kirk Atkinson, Stacy Wade, Maria Blair, Donald Nims, Jim Berger, William Schlinker, Tiffany Polite, Lawrence Alice, Martin Stone, Thanh Nguyen, Timothy Evans, She'Rohn Draper, Donna Blackburn, Lauren Bland, Margaret Stringer, Nevil Speer, Catherine Martin, Justin Schilke (council secretary)

Members Absent: Jennifer Yates, Robyn Swanson, Jane Fife, Eve Main

Guests Present: Kinchel Doerner, Retta Poe, Janet Applin, Marge Maxwell, Eric Reed, Karen Schneider, Andy Ernest

I. Consideration of January 12, 2012 minutes.

*Approved as presented

II. New Business

A. Ogden College of Science and Engineering

Action *Editorial change to add pass PEC line on February 8th. Berger/Atkinson motion for approval, passed	Revise Course Credit Hours CHEM 470G, Chemistry/Middle School Contact: Cathleen Webb, cathleen.webb@wku.edu, 5-3457
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B. Potter College of Arts and Letters

Information	Proposal to Create a Temporary Course HIST 517 Topics in Renaissance Europe Contact: Beth Plummer beth.plummer@wku.edu, 5-5739
Action *Berger/Nims motion for approval, passed	Proposal to Revise a Program 078 Master of Arts in History Contact: Eric Reed, eric.reed@wku.edu, 5-5732

V. Other Business

- A. Report from Graduate Student Research Grant Committee
 - a. Report of awarded grant funding was distributed.
- B. Report from Graduate Faculty Committee
 - a. Report of faculty recommended for Graduate Faculty status was distributed. No discussion. Standing committee report, Stone seconds, passed.
 - b. Graduate Faculty policy
 - i. Standing committee report, Berger seconds for the first reading. Doerner supplied an overview of the proposed policy. Discussion regarding the

proposed policy, including: suggestions that statements should be added to explicitly allow departments to have more stringent requirements; wording regarding tier and category; and committee status versus supervisory status for full-time faculty at WKU.

- C. Report from the Rules Committee
 - a. Graduate Record Examination policy
 - i. Atkinson motion to withdraw previous draft as a first reading. Atkinson motion for a first reading of the revised GRE policy as distributed in the amended policy. Discussion regarding the policy followed with specific attention to: minimum GRE requirement as proposed would be too high and its effects on impacting enrollment negatively; using the GAP but not GRE; issue of not publishing minimum GRE scores.
- D. Report from Graduate Dean
 - a. Minority Assistantship Program
 - i. Doerner outlined the proposed new MAP program and indicated that this was not a voting item but was seeking input. Discussion of the proposed changes and being a GA and MAP student followed.

VI. Adjournment 4:58pm