



Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025

Zoom

Members present: Ray Blankenship, Whitley Stone, Jessi Thomsen, Jeremy Logsdon, Phillip Gunter, Dan Strunk, Tonya Bragg-Underwood, Mikhail Khenner, Kandy Smith (proxy: Leslee Tarbett), Erin Warfel, Wes Cottongim, Lance Hahn, Kirk Atkinson, Kumi Ishii (proxy: Jiyoung Kong), Jonathan Ross, Birhanu Gessese, Elnad Jasarevic, Madalynn Alt

Guests: Scott Gordon, Jennifer Klem, Tanja Bibbs, Merrall Price, Janet Tassell

1. Call to Order at 3:00pm
2. Consideration of December 12, 2024 Minutes (APPENDIX A)
 - a. Motion to consider Hahn. Approved unanimously
3. Reports from standing committees
 - a. Graduate Council Executive Committee
 - i. Upcoming Elections & AY26 Grad Council – Discussed need for Vice Chair and Secretary
 - b. Graduate Council Policy Committee (No report)
 - i. No report
 - c. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee (APPENDIX B)
 - i. Motion to approve minutes – 1st/2nd Stone/Warfel. Approved unanimously
 - d. Graduate Council Research Committee (No report)
 - i. No report
4. Reports from the Graduate School
 - a. Gordon – Graduate enrollment up by 13 students this semester.
5. Announcements
 - a. Hahn – Initiated discussion regarding WKU moving to R2 and possibly offering four PhD programs (Learning Science, Data Science, Neuroscience, & Disaster Science). Hahn provided link to CPE report https://cpe.ky.gov/aboutus/records/cpe_meetings/agenda-2024-11-21-ws.pdf to committee Hahn suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to offer faculty input

as this moves forward. Logsdon acknowledged the suggestion and will take it to the GCEC.

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn 1st/2nd Hahn/Warfel at 3:26pm.