

Graduate Council



Topic: Graduate Council
Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024
Time/Location: WAB 227

Members present: Ray Blankenship, Whitley Stone, Jessi Thomsen, Jeremy Logsdon, Phillip Gunter & (proxy: Dan Strunk), Tonya Bragg-Underwood, Mikhail Khenner, Leslee Tarbett, Erin Warfel, Nick Brake (proxy: Wes Cottongim), Lance Hahn, Kirk Atkinson, Kumi Ishii (proxy: Jieyoung Kong), Yining Chen (proxy: Jonathan Ross), Nolan McCord, Susanna Skelton (proxy: Birhanu Gessese), Elnad Jasarevic, Madalynn Alt, Isaiah Beauchamp

Guests: Jennifer Hammonds, Scott Gordon, Cathleen Webb, Danita Kelley

1. Call to Order at 3:00pm
2. Consideration of October 10, 2024 Minutes (APPENDIX A)
 - a. Motion to consider 1st/2nd Blankenship/Warfel. Approved unanimously.
3. Reports from standing committees
 - a. Graduate Council Executive Committee
Discussed that December's Graduate Council meeting should be via Zoom due to overlap of Senate meeting.
 - b. Graduate Council Policy Committee (No report)
No Report
 - c. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee (APPENDIX B)
Motion to approve minutes – Blankenship. Approved unanimously.
 - d. Graduate Council Research Committee (APPENDIX C)
Motion to approve minutes – Hahn. Approved unanimously

Hahn questioned if there is a need for parameters regarding awards.
Logsdon will take this question to the next meeting of GCEC.
4. Reports from the Graduate Studies
Hammonds- Graduate Studies is targeting outreach to students who applied in Fall 2024 for recruitment and all WKU undergraduate Fa24 graduates.

Gordon – Virtual event fairs and another in December.
5. Announcements
 - a. December 2024 Graduate Council meeting will be held at 2:30pm instead of 3:00pm and will meet via Zoom to accommodate Senate meeting overlap.

- b. Kirk Atkinson will be Graduate Council Chair for 25-26 AY as he did not opt for VSIP.
- 6. Adjournment
 - b. Motion to adjourn 1st/2nd Hahn/Warfel at 3:11pm.