

**Graduate Council  
End-of-Year Report  
2008-2009**

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1. The Council recommended the following new programs for approval by the Senate:
  - 12- credit *certificate program in Assessment and Evaluation Research* using courses from the M.A. in Applied Sociology
  - MFA program in *Creative and Professional Writing* from the English Department
  - *Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP)* (First doctoral program at WPUNJ)
  
2. The Council recommended the following new program for discussion by the Senate:
  - M.A. program in *Professional Communication* from the Communications Department.
  
3. The Council recommended the following program changes for approval by the Senate:
  - *Nursing Education Track* for MSN Program
  - New track for a *Nurse Faculty Scholars Program* in the MSN program
  - 4-course *Post-Master's Nursing Education Certificate*
  - Transfer of a *Language Arts concentration* from the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Learning program to the M.Ed. in Reading program and change of name of latter to *M.Ed. in Literacy* with two tracks-one in Reading and one in Language Arts for the Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies
  - Change of name of M.Ed. in Counseling Service to *M.Ed. in Professional Counseling*; also change of name of track in program from Agency Counseling to *Mental Health Counseling* for the Department of Special Education and Counseling
  - Change in *M.Ed. in Special Education* with a concentration in Developmental Disabilities to a concentration in *Advanced Studies*
  - Change of program from an M.A. in Clinical and Counseling Psychology to *M.A. in Clinical Health Psychology* for the Department of Psychology
  - Change in *Master of Music (MM) track in Music Education* to include 3 distinct 18-credit subtracks within Music Education; changes in method of course delivery to include more online formats

4. The Council continued to review the Academic Plan in regard to establishing a School of Graduate Studies and establishing clearer and more substantive requirements for new program review. No decisions were made. Some tentative recommendations appear in attached minutes.

5. The Council supported providing information about graduate program internships to the Academic Standards Council through its questionnaire.

**Recommendations for Charges for Next Year**

In addition to standing charges as well as the additional charges recommended last year, the Council recommends the following:

1. Involvement of the Council in any planning for a School of Graduate Education (carried over from last year)
2. Improved communication between the Senate Graduate Council and the Graduate Program Directors' Council (carried over from last year)
3. Developing recommendations for criteria and standards for new graduate programs (carried over from last year)
4. Toward working on points 1, 2, and 3 above, the Council also recommends that the Faculty Senate amend its bylaws so that it includes two Councils that represent graduate studies with these possible functions:
  - a) Graduate Curriculum Council – which would handle all program related issues such as review of new programs, maintaining standards for program development and continuation
  - b) Graduate Student Management Council – which would deal with standards for admissions, enrollment management, retention, and recruitment.

Submitted by Rochelle Goldberg Kaplan, Council Chair

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