

William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils
Year-End Report

Academic Year 2020-2021

- 1. Council: Graduate Policy Council**
- 2. Council Members: Bruce J. Diamond (Chair), Robert Laud, Kristin Victorino, Jerry Beal, Meredith Drew, Bill Duffy, Administrative liaison: Jonathan Lincoln**
- 3. Council Charges and Summary of Activities:**

Standing Charges:

1. Review and recommend policy for the adoption, implementation and enforcement of graduate educational and academic standards.
2. Review and recommend policy for admission and retention in graduate programs, and for publicity and recruitment issues.
3. Review graduate advisement and registration policies and procedures, and recommend revisions and/or new policies, as needed.
4. Identify and recommend means for improvement in graduate advisement and registration policies and procedures.
5. Liaise with university officials and bodies responsible for policy on the above matters to review the effectiveness of policies and facilitate their implementation.
6. Work with other appropriate offices as needed.

Priority Charges for AY 2021-2022:

1. Review and unpack the “WPU Graduate Education: Future Directions and Policy” document previously submitted to and approved by the Senate in order to extract actionable items
2. Submit a proposal to the Faculty Senate for developing a Center for Graduate Studies modeled after the “WPU Graduate Education: Future Directions and Policy” and based on Ad Hoc Committee feedback.
3. Review and recommend policies and procedures for the development of Centers, Institutes and Certificates linked to our academic programs. for delivering products and services
4. Plan the Graduate Forum “2022” theme.
5. Propose the development of a Graduate Multi-cultural, Mentoring and Support Program (GMM-S) to support all graduate students and programs at William Paterson University. The GMM-S would provide mentoring, academic support, undergraduate-graduate research opportunities and social support programs to help recruit and retain graduate students. The GMM-S would work collaboratively with the Centers for Diversity and

Inclusion and the Black Cultural Center in providing workshops and discussions supporting diversity and inclusivity.

2020-2021 Summary of Activities:

1. Submitted a proposal on creating a “Shared and Integrated Vision for Graduate Studies” that was approved by the Faculty Senate
 2. Submitted a resolution for creating an Ad Hoc Committee with representation from all of the Colleges to follow-up on the “Shared and Integrated Vision for Graduate Studies” that was approved by the Senate and determine the next steps.
 3. Ad Hoc Committee convened April 16th 2021 with 22 attendees. The Committee voted and unanimously endorsed support for the development of an Integrated Graduate Studies Center or equivalent.
 4. Sub-groups have shared ideas and recommendations for moving forward on the proposal
 5. The Graduate Forum 2021 was held on Friday, April 23rd: Nearly 60 attendees (in-person attendance has generally been about 45) participated and the feedback has been very positive with eighty percent of the attendees staying an extra half-hour for discussion. Bruce Diamond, Robert Laud, Jonathan Lincoln, Reg Ross, Stuart Goldstein and Kenneth Schneider presented at the Forum.
- 5. Please provide suggestions for how the council can be better utilized in the next year:**
Integrate Graduate Policy Council participation, feedback and recommendations in discussions regarding the development of an integrated and shared vision for graduate study and in the development of centers, institutes and certificates.