

William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils
Year-End Report

Academic Year 2025-26

Graduate Policy and Standards Council

Council: Graduate Policy and Standards

Council Members: Bruce J. Diamond (Chair), Robert Laud, Jami Jennings, Michelle Gonzalez, Linda Salvesen, Administrative Liaison: Jonathan Lincoln

Council Charges and Summary of Activities:

Standing Charges:

Graduate Policies & Standards Council

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.

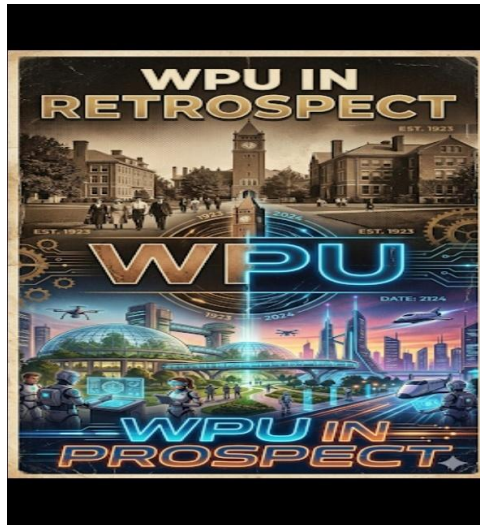
Priority Charges for AY 2026-2027

1. Organize Graduate Forum 2027: Ongoing for nearly a decade....looks at Graduate Programs, new ideas, impact, marketing, enrollment issues.
2. Liaise with university officials and bodies and collaborate with the Undergraduate Policies & Standards Council to develop and revise policy governing 4+1, 3+2 and other undergraduate-graduate pathway programs.

Summary of Activities AY 2025-2026:

- **Developed the Graduate Forum “2026”:** The Forum focused on the impact of Graduate Programs on diverse communities. **“William Paterson University: In Retrospect and Prospect”.**

Graduate Forum 2026: Wed, April 29th, 12:15, 2026
William Paterson University in Retrospect and Prospect



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12:15 BJ Diamond: AHSS, Clinical Psychology, Impact on Lives

12:30 Jami Jennings: Nursing, Community Health Impact

12:45: Michelle Gonzalez: Education, Regional Impact

1:00 Robert Laud: Business: Career Impact

1:15 Jonathan Lincoln: Prospect.....Tomorrow's Impact

- The **G-MMS (Graduate Multi-cultural Mentoring and Support)** program provided Neuropsychological assessments that were administered by students in our clinical psychology doctoral program, providing our doctoral students with additional clinical experience and supervised hours...and providing free assessments for WPU students seeking academic accommodations.

Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:

1. Develop the Graduate Forum 2027: A forum for ideas on enrollment, programs, marketing, innovations.
2. Review and recommend policy for admission and retention in graduate programs, and for publicity and recruitment issues.

3. Review and recommend policy for the adoption, implementation, and enforcement of graduate educational and academic standards in 2025-2026

Please provide suggestions for how the council can be better utilized in the next year:

The Council's work can be better utilized if the Faculty Senate returns to previously approved programs and policies in order to assess current status and ways to expedite and facilitate Senate recommendations rather than recommendations remaining in a virtual vacuum.

Minutes

January: Discussion of ideas and directions for Spring 26.

February: Update and discussion of G-MMS assessment program supporting our students.

March: Discussion of Graduate Forum, Speakers and ideas.

April: Graduate Forum: Logistics, scheduling, Set up with IT, Marketing the Forum