

William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils
Year-End Report

Academic Year 2024-25

Graduate Policy and Standards Council

Council: Graduate Policy and Standards

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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 2024-2025

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1. Expand the Graduate Multicultural Mentoring and Support (G-MMS) Program as well as expansion of the Neurobehavioral Assessment service.
 2. Organize Graduate Forum 2025
 3. Shepherd the formation of a Center for Innovation and a Center for Graduate Studies
 4. Liaise with university officials and bodies and collaborate with the Undergraduate Policies & Standards Council to develop policy governing 4+1, 3+2 and other undergraduate-graduate pathway programs.

Summary of Activities AY 2024-2025:

AI Guidelines: Contributed to AI University guidelines development

Developed the Graduate Forum “2025”: A New Focus on Academia: Challenges and Opportunities.

Graduate Multicultural Mentoring and Support Program (G-MMS): Currently providing free assessments and support to WPU students seeking academic accommodations.

“Your testing program is life changing for WP students like XXXX that are affected by poverty, lack of social and family support, and lack of insurance. I cannot express enough how having the diagnosis will help us advocate and plan for the appropriate level of care and supports.

With Gratitude for you and the testing team.” (Counseling, Health & Wellness Center).

The **G-MMS assessments which were** administered by the students in our clinical psychology doctoral program also provided our doctoral students with additional clinical experience and supervised hours...both of which are essential for Professional development and program requirements.

Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:

1. Expand the Graduate Multicultural Mentoring and Support (G-MMS) Programs as well as continuing to establish the Neurobehavioral Assessment service.
2. Develop the G-MMS Graduate Cultural Program
3. Develop the Graduate Forum 2026
4. Review and recommend policy for admission and retention in graduate programs, and for publicity and recruitment issues.
5. Work on implementation of Faculty Senate-approved policies: Centers for Graduate Studies and Center for Innovation
6. 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 vacuum.

Minutes

Oct:

Solicit G-MMS Program Doctoral program volunteers

Nov/Dec:

Graduate Forum 2025 themes

Jan

Set up G-MMS assessment office, desk, computer in Raubinger

Feb:

Moved out of Raubinger....and into Science Hall-East into the Clinical Training Suite

March:

Discussed setting up academic information services for online students

April:

The focus was on setting up a Graduate Recreation Program and developing the Graduate Forum speaker list and theme.