

Graduate Council



Topic: Graduate Council
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025
Time/Location: 3:00 p.m/Zoom

Members present: Kirk Atkinson, Whitley Stone, Jeremy Logsdon, Tonya Bragg-Underwood, Jessi Thomsen, Dan Strunk, Leslee Tarbett, Erin Warfel, Wes Cottingham, Jieyoung Kong, Jason Bergner, Jerry Brotzge, Daniel Keller, Sara McCaslin, Elnad Jasarevic

Guests: Jennifer Hammonds, Cathleen Webb, Merrell Price, Jenni Redifer, Rheanna Plemons, Jessica Doris, Scott Gordon, Erica Billingsley, Jennifer Klemm, Kenzie Jessup, Stephen King, Catherine Wilson, Martha Sales, Donte McGee

Call to Order at 3:00pm

1. Consideration of April 17, 2025 Minutes (APPENDIX A)
Motion to consider 1st/2nd – Stone/Logsdon, Approved unanimously
2. Introductions and welcome to new members
 - a. Sign-in sheet - Zoom
 - b. Name tents - Zoom
3. Dr. Jenni Redifer, Associate Provost for Research – Dr. Redifer discussed the importance and provided an overview of the Research Committee.
4. Committee Formations – Breakout rooms for 25-26AY committee formations

Curriculum	Research	Policy
Erin Warfel - Chair	Jeremy Logsdon - Chair	Wes Cottingham - Chair
Jessi Thomsen	Jerry Brotzge	JieYoung Kong
Leslee Tarbett	Daniel Keller	Jason Bergner
Dan Strunk	Sara McCaslin	

5. New Academic Program Approval Policy: in-progress ; Dr. Rheanna Plemons, Assistant Provost for Accreditation & Assessment – Dr. Plemons discussed upcoming changes from CPE regarding program development, contact Dr. Plemons if planning new program. October 2025 will be last date for program implementation in Fa26.
6. Calendar and next meeting – Meeting calendars discussed.
7. Other business- None
8. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn - Stone at 3:45pm

APPENDIX A

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Electronic Vote

1. Call to Order – Motion carried 12/0/0 for electronic vote for April 17, 2025 meeting
2. Consideration of April 10, 2025 Minutes (APPENDIX A)
 - a. Approved unanimously
3. Reports from standing committees
 - a. Graduate Council Executive Committee (No report)
 - b. Graduate Council Policy Committee (No report)
 - c. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee (APPENDIX B)
Approved unanimously
 - d. Graduate Council Research Committee (No report)
4. Reports from the Graduate School - None
5. Announcements - None
6. Adjournment – Electronic ballot

Please enter your name.

Please refer to the agenda sent on the listserv.
Approval of April 10, 2025 minutes.

- ☐ Approve
☐ Oppose
☐ Abstain

Please refer to the agenda sent on the listserv.
Approval of April 2025, 2nd Meeting, Graduate Council Curriculum Committee report.

- ☐ Approve
☐ Oppose
☐ Abstain

Please share any questions or concerns here.

If you have any additional questions or issues, please email me (jeremy.logsdon@wku.edu). Thank you very much for your participation in this vote, and your work all year. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I look forward to seeing you at our grad council next year!

