

## Report for Graduate Council, January 16, 2025

1. Call to Order at 3:00pm

**Members present:** Ray Blankenship, Whitley Stone, Jessi Thomsen, Jeremy Logsdon, Phillip Gunter, Dan Strunk, Tonya Bragg-Underwood, Mikhail Khenner, Kandy Smith (proxy: Leslee Tarbett), Erin Warfel, Wes Cottongim, Lance Hahn, Kirk Atkinson, Kumi Ishii (proxy: Jieyoung Kong), Jonathan Ross, Birhanu Gessese, Elnad Jasarevic, Madalynn Alt

**Guests:** Scott Gordon, Jennifer Klem, Tanja Bibbs, Merrill Price, Janet Tassell

1. **Consideration of December 12, 2024 Minutes**

- Motion to consider Hahn. Approved unanimously

2. **Reports from standing committees**

- Graduate Council Executive Committee  
Upcoming Elections & AY26 Grad Council – Discussed need for Vice Chair and Secretary for next AY
- Graduate Council Policy Committee  
No report.
- Graduate Council Curriculum Committee  
Motion to approve minutes – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Stone/Warfel. Approved unanimously
- Graduate Council Research Committee (No report)  
No report.

3. **Reports from the Graduate School**

- Gordon – Graduate enrollment up by 13 students this semester.

4. **Announcements**

- Hahn – Initiated discussion regarding WKU moving to R2 and possibly offering four PhD programs (Learning Science, Data Science, Neuroscience, & Disaster Science). Hahn provided link to CPE report [https://cpe.ky.gov/aboutus/records/cpe\\_meetings/agenda-2024-11-21-ws.pdf](https://cpe.ky.gov/aboutus/records/cpe_meetings/agenda-2024-11-21-ws.pdf) to committee Hahn suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to offer faculty input as this moves forward. Logsdon acknowledged the suggestion and will take it to the GCEC.

5. **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Hahn/Warfel at 3:26pm.