

Graduate Policy Council

December 6th, Meeting 2022

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Council members provided feedback regarding retention issues.

A number of areas were identified including financial aid support, cost of books, cancelled courses, lack of mentoring for first generation students, large online enrollments, inadequate financial support, family and professional commitments, WPO online academic challenges.

Categories of retention obstacles:

Finance and help with aid deadlines

Personal/Family Issues

Academic challenges

Book costs

First generation students need mentoring

Cancelled courses due to low enrollment

Overburdened faculty

The Council's goal in the Spring 23 is to help address some of these and other challenges using Faculty Senate-approved proposals and mechanisms (Graduate Multicultural Mentoring and Support (G-MMS) program, Center for Innovation and the Graduate Studies Center and Working Group).