

William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils Year-End Report

Academic Year 2021-2022

1. Council: Graduate Program Council

2. Council Members:

Arts & Communication	Jin-A Choi (co-chair until April 2022) Pixy Ferris (as substitute for Dr. Choi in April and May)
Business	Rajiv Kashyap
Education	Michelle Hinkle (substitute co-chair starting April 2022)
Humanities & Social Sciences	Neici Zeller
Science & Health	Kem Louie
Library	Imani Hardaway (co-chair)
Professional Staff	Christopher Weber
Adjunct	
Administrative Liaison	Dorothy Feola (first semester) Martin Gritsch (second semester)

3. Council Charges and Summary of Council Activities

Standing Charges

1. Recommend policy on course requirements for graduate degrees and the procedures for inaugurating, changing, or terminating graduate courses and programs.
2. Review and recommend new graduate programs, major changes in existing programs, and areas of expansion.

Priority Charges for AY 2021-2022

1. Review EAB reports and offer recommendations to the Faculty Senate and Administration on how such data (or other reports like it that might be requested) might best be utilized such as informing strategic program growth planning, program assessment, and the review and consideration of program changes and new program proposals brought before the Faculty Senate.
2. Update graduate program requirements to reflect efforts to decolonize the curriculum.

Accomplishments and Summary of Activities

Meetings

September 20, 2021	zoom
October 10, 2021	zoom
November 9 – 15, 2021	via online discussion and vote
December 1 – 8, 2021	via online discussion and vote
April 4, 2021	zoom
April 19 – April 20, 2022	via online discussion and
April 27 – April 28, 2022	via online discussion and vote
May 3 – May 4, 2022	via online discussion and vote

Programs Reviewed

M.S in Sport Administration Program Change
- Subsequently approved by Senate

M.S. in Exercise Physiology – Program Change
- Subsequently approved by Senate

M.S. in Applied Mathematics – Program Change
- Subsequently approved by Senate

M.Ed. in Special Education TSD – Program Change
- Subsequently approved by Senate

MFA in Animation –Program Change
- Subsequently approved by Senate

Masters in Public Policy – Program Change
- Subsequently approved by Senate

Additional Charge

Co-chair Imani Hardaway attended EAB meeting with Senate Chairs. This meeting gleaned ideas for further thought such as, updating language on Program Change and New Program forms incorporating EAB data, recommending program reviews every three years instead of every seven, and make changes to the Academic Program Review Handbook to include EAB data. This should be something the committee continues to discuss.

Other Noteworthy Progress

This academic year we reviewed, provided comment and suggestion to 6 changed programs for Senate review. Every program we voted to send to Senate was subsequently passed by senators. Council members remained committed to the council charges amidst changes in council leadership in April and changes in membership. The committee worked to maintain the integrity of graduate programs by providing comment and feedback to strengthen proposals for senator review. At time, returning proposals with feedback and rereviewing revised submissions.

4. Recommended Charges For The Next Academic Year:

Continue to work on standing charges and continue the EAB and decolonization charges. The council is also open to any recommendations for new charges as determined by the Senate Chairs.

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

This council benefits from continued support from Senate leadership to accomplish tasks with diligence and effectiveness. Council members were responsive with feedback and matters of voting; in many cases very quickly. More ease with turnaround time might be a way to ensure the work continues to be thorough.