



Graduate Council

Topic: Graduate Council

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 3:00 pm

ZOOM LINK: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/8078250277>

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of February 9, 2023 Minutes (APPENDIX A)
3. Report from Graduate Council Executive Committee (APPENDIX B)
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Policy Committee (APPENDIX C)
 - b. Curriculum Committee Minutes (APPENDIX D)
 - c. Student Research Grants Committee (APPENDIX E)
5. Graduate School Reports
 - a. Report from the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education (APPENDIX F)
6. Public Comments
7. Announcements & Adjourn

APPENDIX A
CONSIDERATION OF GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Graduate Council
Minutes – Thursday, February 9, 2023, 3:00 pm ~ 3:32 pm
Zoom

Present: Lauren Bland, Ray Blankenship, Katrina Burch, Martha Day, Ann Ferrell, Jonah Hathaway, Aaron Hughey, Andrea Paganelli, Hannah Peveler, Richard Schugart, Whitely Stone, Dana Sullivan, Adam West, Marla Zobel

Guest: Lizzie Doerr, Jessica Dorris, Amanda Duke, Jennifer Hammonds, Danita Kelley, Ranjit Koodali, Beth Laves, Cathleen Webb

Absent: Sarah Bonis, Haley Brazel, Nicholas Fessler, Bailey Mattingly, Dan Strunk, Lily Popova Zhuhadar

1. Call to Order *Sullivan.
2. Consideration of January 19, 2023 Minutes (APPENDIX A) *Motion to approve. 1st/2nd: West/Paganelli. Vote in chat. Approved.
3. Report from Graduate Council Executive Committee (APPENDIX B)
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Policy Committee (APPENDIX C) *Blankenship. The committee has met twice since the last Graduate Council meeting. Working on a request to go to graduate associate deans regarding Price's amendment. Will hopefully hear responses by next meeting. Motion to Approve. 1st/2nd: West/Ferrell. Vote in Chat. Approved.
 - b. Curriculum Committee Minutes (APPENDIX D) *Paganelli. The 131 Certification Only came through asking to be reviewed to address a course number issue. 072 Geoscience, changing language within the program to reflect current trends. Also editing GRE requirement and a new SIP code to STEM. Motion to Approve. 1st/2nd: Paganelli/ Ferrell. Vote in the chat. Approved.
 - c. Student Research Grants Committee (APPENDIX E) *Burch. Met with Dr. Koodali to discuss possible modifications to streamline the application and review process. Potentially standardizing the format for requesting funds. Soliciting additional reviewers for the research and travel grants. *Sullivan offers to assist and asks the council members and other faculty to reach out if anyone is interested in volunteering.
5. Graduate School Reports

a. Report from the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education (APPENDIX F)

*Koodali details updates for the DMF program regarding growth and the increase of the stipend to \$15,000, which will be funded by the Graduate School Assistantship Budget.

*Recruitment for DMF. A drip campaign through Slate was performed using lists from the National Name Exchange and the McNair Scholarship database.

*DMF scholar visited 3 universities to recruit.

*Burch. Will the allotments change for the programs for GA positions? *Koodali answers that the allotments will not change.

*The Spring thesis deadline is Friday, April 14th. Please relay this information to constituents.

*Recordings of past events will be provided. Events are being slated, including a Zoom with Dr. Frankie Felder regarding student success, the 3MT competition in-person in DSU, and Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, who will provide a lecture in Jody Richards Hall Auditorium as part of the Diversity in Graduate Education Conference.

*Recruitment – please let the Graduate School know if you would like more information about Slate.

*Please send in nominations for the John D. Minton Award by Friday, March 10th. The deadline for indicating the winner for the Outstanding Graduate Student College Award is March 17th.

*Mark calendars for Wednesday, March 8th for the Graduate Program Coordinator Information Session.

*Burch asks about the discrepancy between what is earned by DMF versus GAs. Can the funding for GAs be increased? *Koodali answers that the DMF stipend was determined based on benchmarks. It would be helpful for program coordinators and chairs to present this to the Deans, so that they are aware. Does not have an answer today.

6. Public Comments *Sullivan. Nominations for elections for next year's Graduate Council will be March 20th.

*Webb. Reminds the colleges that it is a good time to have in place the college graduate student representative.

7. Announcements & Adjourn. *Sullivan. Motion to Adjourn. 1st/2nd: West/Bland. Adjourned: 3:32 pm

Graduate Council Policy Committee

Minutes – Feb. 2, 2023, 12:30 PM (CT)

Voting Members: Ray Blankenship (Chair), Ann Ferrell, Nicholas Fessler, Richard Schugart, & Adam West

Advisory Members: Dr. Koodali, Associate Provost for Research & Graduate Education

Guest: None

Approval of Minutes:, 1st/2nd: xxxxx/xxxx – Vote: Approved

Announcements: None

Blankenship met with the Provost, Dr. Koodali, Dr. Sullivan, and Dr. Laves to discuss the current JUMP proposal. The Provost expressed his desire to have a policy that upholds the integrity of the graduate and undergraduate programs while meeting the SACSCOC requirements.

The proposed amendment to allow for 18 graduate hours and double count 12 of those hours while completing at least 150 hours of unduplicated coursework was discussed. The Provost asked for data on how JUMP programs seeking to implement the amendment would meet the 150 hours of unduplicated coursework.

The committee met on 1.26.23 to create a request for information from those programs that would implement the proposed JUMP addendum. Schugart informed the committee that Ogden college was already working on a response.

Dr. Koodali reiterated the information from SACSCOC that one-quarter to one-third of the graduate coursework should be duplicated hours.

The committee also started working on reviewing the minimum number of enrolled students for a course to be offered for the winter and summer terms.

The committee met on 2.2.2023 to finalize the information request to the different colleges pertaining to the proposed JUMP amendment. The request should be sent Friday afternoon (2.3.2023)

**Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
Minutes – Feb. 2, 2023, 2:00 PM (CT)**

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://wku.zoom.us/j/6075766671>

Voting Members: Andrea Paganelli, Catherine Wilson, Whitley Stone, William Strunk, Aaron Hughey

Advisory Members: Beth Laves, Jennifer Hammonds, Jessica Dorris, Dennis George, Cate Webb, Jamie DeYoung

Guest: Nicholas Brake, Jason Polk

Approval of Minutes, January 12, 2023 – 1st/2nd: Hughey/Stone – **Vote:** Approved

Course Administration:
None

Program Administration:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (2)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
131	131: Certification Only, Education Leadership	Edited	nch04516	1/17/2023
<p>Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: Brake gave a brief description, most of which was covered last meeting. Vote: Approved (5/5)</p>				
072	072: Geoscience	Edited	jsn15309	1/26/2023
<p>Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Strunk Discussion: Polk gave a brief description, basically just changing a little wording. <i>Friendly amendment:</i> <i>“The following is recommended, but not required:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An additional writing sample (e.g., a paper, manuscript, thesis, etc.)</i> • <i>Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)</i> • <i>(Footnote) Admitted students who have provided GRE scores in prior years typically scored 4.0 or higher on the analytical writing subtest. However, each applicant will be evaluated individually and on a holistic basis; inclusion of the GRE with a strong analytical writing score may be beneficial for students looking to offset weaknesses in their application.</i> <i>Changed CIP Code – 30.3801</i> Vote: Approved (5/5)</p>				

Other Business:
None

Adjourn at 2:25pm - 1st/2nd – Wilson/Paganelli

Respectfully submitted
GCCC Recorder
Jessica Steenbergen

Graduate Council Meeting, February 9, 2023

Updates from Dr. Ranjit T. Koodali
Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education

1. **Graduate Admissions** (Ms. Barbara Chaffin, *Admissions Coordinator* and Ms. Julie Harris, *Graduate Admissions Analyst*)
 - a. Graduate applications for 2024 will become available within the next few weeks.
 - b. Please encourage your students to submit the Change of Term Request Form if they are not enrolled in this spring semester.

2. **Graduate Assistantships** (Ms. Renee Purdy, *Budgets and Resources Manager*)
 - a. There are 390 current Graduate Assistants. The year EPAF's have helped significantly during spring EPAF approval period. Roughly 20 students have had to have their tuition amount changed due to adding or dropping classes.
 - b. Summer GA Agreement and EPAF's are due April 15th.
 - c. **Distinguished Minority Fellows (DMF) program. Students are eligible for a stipend of a value no less than \$15,000 per academic year. The stipend will come fully from the Graduate School Budget!**

3. **Graduate Enrollment**
 - a. The enrollment data (Excel files) are available at <S:\UNIVERSITY-WIDE-SHARED\00 Graduate School\Enrollment Data>. Please see file, "Graduate Spring Enrollment and SCH for Week 2 28JAN23" for latest enrollment report from Institutional Research.

4. **Graduate Records** (Ms. Jamie DeYoung, *Assistant Director of Graduate Operations* and Lisa Meyers, *Graduate Records Specialist*)
 - a. Spring thesis deadline is Friday, April 14, 2023. Guidelines can be found at <https://www.wku.edu/graduate/students/thesis/>.
 - b. Please continue to encourage your students to track their degree completion progress through Degree Works. (<https://www.wku.edu/degreeworks/>)

5. **Graduate School Events** (Ms. Elizabeth Doerr, *Office Coordinator* and Samantha Hines, *Research and Graduate Education Outreach Coordinator*)
 - a. **Upcoming**
 - i. Spring 2023 New Graduate Student Orientation recording, is available at <https://youtu.be/31ks7C-erVM>.

- ii. A new initiative, “GRADSCHOLAR” in collaboration with University Libraries was held virtually, Feb. 1, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. A recording will be shared later.
- iii. GRADLEARN, “*Strategies to Promote the Success of Every Student*” by Dr. Frankie Felder, Monday, Feb. 13, Time: 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM. The Zoom link is: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/94517881697>.
- iv. Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition: Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- v. Distinguished Lecture on Diversity in Graduate Education, Dr. Terrell L. Strayhorn, Feb. 28, 2023, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

6. **Graduate School Recruitment** (Dr. Scott Gordon, *Manager, Graduate Recruitment and Retention*)

- a. Prospective students can set up individual virtual appointments at <https://calendly.com/scott-gordon>.
- b. Recruitment events that Graduate School is participating is listed at <https://www.wku.edu/graduate/recruitment.php>.
 - i. Virtual events
 - ii. In-person events
- c. Slate recruitment, yield, and conversion campaigns are on-going. If you need assistance with ad-hoc campaigns in Slate, please inform Dr. Gordon.
 - i. Email, phone, and texts
 - ii. Emails are most effective communication

7. **Graduate School Staffing**

- a. None

8. **Graduate Student Awards**

- a. **John D. Minton Award.** Nomination materials are now being accepted via email to graduate.school@wku.edu through Friday, March 10, 2023. Please include *Minton Nomination Materials* in the email subject line.
Graduate student completing all degree requirements in the fall 2022 semester or be a candidate for the spring 2023 or summer 2023 semesters are eligible. The winner will get a monetary Fellowship Award of \$700.
- b. **Outstanding Graduate Student College Award.** The deadline to indicate the name of the winner is Friday, March 17, 2023.

9. **Graduate Student Research Grant** (Ms. Renee Purdy, *Budgets and Resources Manager*)

- a. The deadlines for fall and spring terms are the second Tuesday of October and the first Tuesday of February by 11:59 PM respectively. Graduate Student Research Grant deadline for Spring 2023 is Tuesday, February, 2023.

10. For Your Information (FYI)

- a. Dr. Ranjit T. Koodali term as member of the [Graduate Education Advisory Council](#) (formerly called the GRE Board) has been extended to two more years, until June 2025.
- b. Dr. Ranjit T. Koodali term as member of the Master's Advisory Committee of the Council of Graduate Schools has been extended to another year, until December 2023. Dr. Koodali will serve as Chair of this eleven member Committee for 2023.



APPENDIX B
GRADUATE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT



APPENDIX C
POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT



Graduate Council Policy Committee

Minutes – March 3, 2023, 12:30 PM (CT)

Voting Members: Ray Blankenship (Chair), Ann Ferrell, Nicholas Fessler, Richard Schugart, & Adam West

Advisory Members: Dr. Koodali, Associate Provost for Research & Graduate Education

Guest: None

Announcements: None

The policy committee met on 2/16/2023 to discuss the JUMP policy proposal and the policy for under-enrolled winter/summer classes.

Item #1

The JUMP policy discussion was about the responses received from the different colleges regarding the proposed amendment to include 18 hours of graduate coursework and double count 12 hours. Dr. Schugart informed the committee that Ogden college will have five program responses still coming to the committee. The committee did receive responses from CHHS and PCAL.

Dr. Koodali reiterated that double counting 9 hours would be best for WKU. The SACSCOC liaison, Sandra Jordan, has indicated that anything above 9 hours would be called into question for accreditation, as relayed by Dr. Koodali.

The committee continues to question the examples of other universities being able to double count 12 hours.

Dr. Blankenship will send another JUMP proposal based on discussions.

Item #2

Dr. Koodali informed the committee that Academic Affairs discussed the under-enrolled policy for winter and summer terms in the Council of Academic Deans. Any issues with this policy should be directed back to the respective Deans.

The committee met on Thursday, 3/2/2023 to discuss the JUMP proposal sent on 2.24.23. This proposal incorporated information from the Provost's office for discussion.

After much discussion, the committee agreed upon allowing students to take 12 graduate hours as an undergraduate and double count 9 hours for programs with 30 hours. (West / Ferrell motion, 5/0). The committee also agreed to propose that programs greater than or equal to 33 hours be allowed to take 15 graduate hours and double count 12 hours (Ferrell / Fessler motion, 5/0)

The following attached JUMP policy proposal resulted.

**Academic Policy (Revision)
(Action)**

Date: February 24, 2023

College: Graduate Council

Department: Policy Committee

Contact Person: Ray Blankenship, ray.blankenship@wku.edu

1. **Policy Name:** Joint Undergraduate-Master's Degree Programs (JUMP) (Graduate Catalog)
2. **Description:** Policy to standardize JUMP program parameters university-wide. A standard policy will align with accreditation expectations from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and also ensure the highest quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree experience.

2.1 Existing

Joint Undergraduate-Master's Degree Programs (JUMP)

JUMP programs provide academically outstanding students the opportunity to complete both an undergraduate and graduate degree in approximately five years. Qualified students who have been admitted to a JUMP program may complete a maximum of 18 graduate hours as an undergraduate student and count a maximum of 12 hours on both the undergraduate and graduate transcript as prescribed by the program. Students will apply to Graduate School upon or before earning more than 18 graduate hours. Each JUMP program has individualized admission criteria. Search "JUMP" in this catalog for a complete list of programs and contact the academic department for additional information.

2.2 Proposed

Joint Undergraduate-Master's Degree Program (JUMP)

JUMP provides academically outstanding students the opportunity to complete both an undergraduate and graduate degree in an accelerated time period. Qualified students will apply directly to an individual Joint Undergraduate Master's Program, which will make a recommendation to the Graduate School for acceptance to JUMP. JUMP students may complete a maximum of twelve (12) graduate hours as undergraduate students. For undergraduate candidates pursuing a first baccalaureate degree in combination with a Master's degree, nine (9) graduate hours may be counted on both the undergraduate and graduate transcript as prescribed by the approved program curriculum.

JUMP students in graduate programs requiring thirty-three (33) or more hours may complete a maximum of fifteen (15) hours as undergraduate students. For undergraduate candidates pursuing a first baccalaureate degree in combination with a Master's degree in a graduate program requiring thirty-three (33) or more hours, twelve (12) graduate hours may be counted on both the undergraduate and graduate transcript.

For candidates pursuing a combined degree program for a second baccalaureate degree with a Master's degree, the minimum credit hours for the second Bachelor's degree must be 30.

JUMP students should apply for admission to the Graduate School for the corresponding Master's Program upon or before earning the maximum allowed graduate hours or upon earning the Bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. Students who reach the maximum number of graduate hours may continue their Bachelor's degree by taking only undergraduate courses and delaying admission to the graduate school.

Program admission criteria for the Master's degree may be waived for JUMP students at the discretion of individual program Directors and/or Committees.

New JUMP programs require approval from the Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, and if applicable, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). It is preferred that the total combined credits be at least 150 credits (120 Bachelor's and 30 Master's) after the shared coursework is counted. Bachelor's-Master's pathways with less than 150 total combined credits may be considered for approval but require justification of the integrity of both the Bachelor's and the Master's degrees.

Each Joint Undergraduate-Master's Degree Program may have more stringent and/or additional eligibility for acceptance and continuance requirements, including for matriculation into the Master's program. These criteria will be published in the undergraduate and/or graduate catalog. However, minimum requirements for admission and continuance in JUMP include:

For JUMP acceptance eligibility:

- A minimum of 60 credit hours earned and lacking no less than 15 credit hours to complete the undergraduate degree
- A minimum of 24 undergraduate hours earned at WKU
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.25 for individuals earning their first baccalaureate degree
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00 for individuals earning their second baccalaureate degree.

For Continuance:

- Continuous enrollment (excluding winter and summer terms)
- Undergraduate JUMP students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in graduate courses
- Once admitted to the Graduate School, JUMP students must adhere to the Graduate Academic Standing policy

Failure to meet continuance requirements will result in dismissal from JUMP. Upon dismissal, graduate coursework may not be double-counted. Graduate coursework will be recorded on the graduate transcript only, provided the undergraduate degree has not been awarded previously.

Graduate credits earned through JUMP may only be applied toward one undergraduate and one graduate degree. These credits may not be applied to any additional WKU programs.

Once admitted to the Graduate School, students are classified as graduate students and no longer qualify for undergraduate classification for any purpose, including financial aid. Likewise, students admitted to the Graduate School and have completed their Bachelor's degree requirements are eligible for all graduate student privileges, including graduate assistantships and graduate student research grants.

Once accepted into a particular JUMP program, students may not switch programs. JUMP students at both the undergraduate or graduate level may appeal aspects of this policy to the Graduate School.

3. Rationale for proposed policy:

- 3.1 The Graduate School (Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education) requests that the Graduate Council provide clarification on this policy, including:
Standardization of JUMP program policy university-wide, but allowing individual programs to apply stricter standards

4. Impact on existing academic or non – academic policies:

- 4.1 Impact on policies: minimal impact is expected.
4.2 Impact on populations that may be affected: minimal impact is expected.

5. Term of implementation: Fall 2023

6. Dates of committee approvals:

Graduate Council Policy Committee	<u>3/2/2023 (5/0)</u>
Graduate Council	_____
Faculty Senate	_____



APPENDIX D
GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

<https://nextcatalog.wku.edu/courseadmin/>

<https://nextcatalog.wku.edu/programadmin/>



Graduate Council Curriculum Committee

Minutes – Mar. 2, 2023, 2:00 PM (CT)

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://wku.zoom.us/j/6075766671>

Voting Members: Andrea Paganelli, Catherine Wilson, Whitley Stone, Aaron Hughey, Phillip Gunter (voting for William Strunk)

Advisory Members: Beth Laves, Jennifer Hammonds, Jessica Dorris, Jamie DeYoung, Danita Kelley, Merrall Price

Guest: Alex Olson, Penny Head, Jieyoung Kong, Erin Warfel, Lawrence Hill, Edrisa Sanyang, Tonya Bragg-Underwood, John Wright, Leslie North, Jenny Burton, Ellen Casale

Approval of Minutes, February 2, 2023 – 1st/2nd: Hughey/Paganelli – **Vote:** Approved (3/3)

Course Administration:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (13)			
Title	Status	Initiator	Received
HIST 551: History of American Protest	Added	alx81987	2/9/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Stone/Hughey Discussion: Olson gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			
HIST 645: Readings in Public History	Added	alx81987	2/9/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: Olson gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			
SPED 612: Collaboration between Schools and Stakeholders for Individuals with Disabilities	Edited	ell06551	2/9/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: Casale gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			
DPT 782: Research in Physical Therapy II	Edited	pnn51910	2/20/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: Head gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			
SLP 511: Neurological Foundations for Speech Language Pathology	Edited	lrrn07166	2/22/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: Burton gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			
DPT 747: Physical Therapy Management for Select Populations	Edited	pnn51910	2/20/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Paganelli/Hughey Discussion: Head gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			
Motion to Bundle – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: None			

Graduate Curriculum Committee (13)			
Title	Status	Initiator	Received
Vote: Approved (5/5) Motion to approve – 1st/2nd: Paganelli/Hughey Discussion: North gave a brief description. Dorris, GEOS 506 are you offering this fall? No. There is no problem moving forward. Vote: Approved (5/5)			
GEOS 502: Geoscience Research Methods	Edited	jsn15309	2/23/2023
GEOS 506: Seminar in Environmental Science and Sustainability	Edited	jsn15309	2/23/2023
GEOS 510: Selected Topics in Geoscience	Edited	jsn15309	2/23/2023
GEOS 543: Environmental Science Problem Solving	Edited	jsn15309	2/23/2023
GEOS 584: Applied Environmental Planning	Edited	jsn15309	2/23/2023
GEOS 587: Environmental Law, Regulations, and Policy	Edited	amy83008	2/23/2023
SLP 560: Medical Speech- Language Pathology	Edited	jnn29403	2/21/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: Burton gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			

Program Administration:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (8)			
Title	Status	Initiator	Received
078: History	Edited	alx81987	2/9/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Hughey/Wilson Discussion: Olson gave a brief description. Laves asked about switching 100% online from yes to no? <i>Friendly Amendment – Change “Do you plan to offer 100% of this program online?” Change to YES.</i> Vote: Approved (5/5)			
0012: Organizational Communication	Edited	jyn21880	2/9/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Hughey/Wilson Discussion: Kong gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			
0460: Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Birth to Primary, for Initial Certification	Edited	jhn41121	2/9/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: Wright gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			
0461: Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Birth to Primary	Edited	jhn41121	2/9/2023
Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Hughey/Wilson Discussion: Wright gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)			

Graduate Curriculum Committee (8)			
Title	Status	Initiator	Received
157: Social Work	Edited	ern67287	2/21/2023
<p>Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: Warfel gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)</p>			
059: Chemistry	Edited	lwr75865	2/23/2023
<p>Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Hughey/Wilson Discussion: Hill gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (5/5)</p>			
0427: Occupational Safety and Health	Edited	edr85704	2/21/2023
<p>Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Wilson/Hughey Discussion: Sanyang gave a brief description. Hammonds said for 0427 will provide a new reference number. Laves said double check about 100% online. Yes. Vote: Approved (5/5)</p>			
149: Nursing	Edited	tny63665	2/22/2023
<p>Motion to Discuss – 1st/2nd: Hughey/Wilson Discussion: Bragg-Underwood gave a brief description. Exiting the JUMP program and moving into a Combined Program. Wilson asked if the program was being removed from the JUMP Program. That is correct. Wilson shared she was just worried about the students having enough graduate hours. Braggs – Usually the students come from other universities, they aren't just WKU, which also gets in the way for the JUMP language. Vote: Approved (5/5)</p>			

Informational Item(s)

EDAD 614	EDAD 614: Field Experiences in Educational Administration	Added	stc86850	2/22/2023
<p>Casale gave a brief description to committee. Hammonds said this is a temporary course and in the past it hasn't come to this committee.</p>				

Other Business:

None

Adjourn at 3:11pm - 1st/2nd – Wilson/Paganelli

Respectfully submitted
 GCCC Recorder
 Jessica Steenbergen



APPENDIX E
STUDENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT



Agenda — March 2023

I. Committee Briefings

II. New Business:

Travel Only Requests:

1. Istiak Ahmed, Chemistry (Dr. Eric Conte)
Quantifying estrone and β -estrinol conjugates in dairy cattle manure and urine using sorptive stir bar extraction and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry
Requesting \$584.57; **Recommending \$250.00**
2. Madison Blakeman, Public Health (Dr. Kristin Brewer)
Let's NOT talk about sex: Teacher insights to teaching sex education in a restrictive legislative environment
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$0.00**
3. Garrett Bunch, Communication (Dr. Blair Thompson)
Thank you, sirs: The intersection of kink and consensual non-monogamous identities
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$1000.00**
4. Elizabeth Curtis, Psychological Sciences (Dr. Xiaowen Chen)
Sentiment analysis of affective commitment in the workplace during COVID-19
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$250.00**
5. Ji Hong, Psychological Sciences (Dr. Xiaowen Chen)
A big data approach to study worker stress & commitment before & during the pandemic
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$1000.00**
6. Tina Logsdon, Music (Dr. Catherine Wilson)
Attitude and influence of online instrumental lessons during COVID and beyond
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$0.00**
7. Diamonde McCollum, Psychological Sciences (Dr. Jenni Teeters)
PTSD symptoms moderate the association between daily cannabis use and suicidal ideation
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$1000.00**
8. Katie Moskal, Psychological Sciences (Dr. Jenni Teeters)
Simultaneous alcohol and marijuana (SAM) use and PTSD symptoms predict blackouts in emerging adults
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$1000.00**
9. Hayden Nelson, Psychological Sciences (Dr. Xiaowen Chen)

- Improving wellbeing in first responders with a mindful meditation app*
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$1000.00**
10. Elisha Ogbemor, Chemistry (Dr. Eric Conte)
Unknown
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$250.00**
11. Andres Pacheco, Kinesiology Recreation Sport (Dr. Whitley Stone)
Impact of cannabidiol (CBD) oil after eccentric loading on physical performance and pain
Requested \$771.00; **Recommending \$0.00**
12. Mary Pitts, Communication (Dr. Jennifer Mize Smith)
Organizational identification among social media influencers
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$0.00**
13. Emily Snyder, English (Dr. Trini Stickle)
Refugee resistance in Dinaw Megestu's The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears and Alexander Hemon's Bling Jozef Pronkek and Dead Souls
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$1000.00**
14. Melissa Sorensen, Psychological Sciences (Dr. Katrina A. Burch)
Investigating daily incivility and depletion through a cognitive process lens
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$1000.00**
15. Ashley Wilson, Psychology (Dr. Lisa Duffin-Rexroat)
The role of beliefs in cultivating change agents for trans youth during teacher preparation
Requesting \$1000.00; **Recommending \$0.00**

Total Travel Amount Requested: \$14,355.57; Recommended: \$7,750.00

Research Only Requests:

16. Alexander Davy, Psychological Sciences (Dr. Xiaowen Chen)
Development and validation of a three-dimensional measure of DEI
Requesting \$1,350.00; **Recommending \$1350.00**
17. Meghan Forbes, EEAS (Dr. Jason Polk)
Sinkhole hazard assessment index and risk analysis to inform karst policy and mitigation planning
Requesting \$1,960.00; **Recommending \$1960.00**
18. Adam Fults, Psychological Sciences (Dr. Xiaowen Chen)
Exploring commercial pilot job requirements with the support of machine learning
Requesting \$500.00; **Recommending \$500.00**
19. Hannah Herrmann, EEAS (Dr. Jason Polk)

Perceptions and visual awareness of karst flooding in urban areas to inform management and preparedness

Requesting \$1985.00; **Recommending \$1985.00**

20. Adam Miles, Biology (Dr. Albert Meier)
Taxic traits of athropods when introduced to cold smoke
Requesting \$2000.00; **Recommending \$2000.00**
21. Rosemary Ofili, Educational Leadership (Dr. Aaron Hughey)
Emotional intelligence and leadership styles in medicine
Requesting \$2775.00; **Recommending \$2000.00**
22. Shreya Pandey, EEAS (Dr. Jason Polk)
Source tracking and contaminant transport mechanisms of nitrates and e. coli in karst groundwater systems under agricultural landuse
Requesting \$1940.00; **Recommending \$1940.00**
23. Brittany Pekara, EEAS (Dr. Jason Polk)
Virtual watershed management planning framework for hazard mitigation using GIS and smart sensor technology integration
Requesting \$1950.00; **Recommending \$1950.00**
24. Willarachilage Perera, KRS (Dr. Rachel Tinius)
Acceptability, feasibility, and efficacy of a newly developed mobile application to improve physical activity among pregnant women in Sri Lanka: A randomized control pilot trial
Requesting \$1998.20; **Recommending \$1998.20**
25. Ally Willis, Biology (Dr. Carl Dick)
Tritrophic associations of bats, bat flies, and laboulbeniales microfungi
Requesting \$1253.71; **Recommending \$1253.71**

Total Research Amount Requested: \$16,936.71; Recommended: \$16,936.71

Research & Travel Requests

26. Yaran Allamyradov, Physics and Astronomy (Dr. Ali Er)
Photodeactivation of pathogens by methylene blue and gold nanoparticles
Requesting \$1965.00 (Research), Requesting \$770.00 (travel); **Recommending \$1965.00** (research), **Recommending \$0.00** (travel)
27. Nema Esmaellzadeh, EEAS (Dr. Nahid Gani)
Application of multi-sensor remote sensing spectral imagery for mineral mapping in the Mountain Pass District, California
Requesting \$670.00 (research), Requesting \$2330.00 (travel); **Recommending \$670.00** (research); **Recommending \$1000.00** (travel)
28. Inomjon Majidov, Physics and Astronomy (Dr. Ali Er)
Laser micro structuring of titanium implants

Requesting \$2000.00 (research), Requesting \$1000.00 (travel); **Recommending \$2000.00 (research); Recommending \$0.00 (travel)**

Total Research & Travel Amount Requested: \$8,735.00; Recommended: \$5635.00



APPENDIX F
ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR RESEARCH AND GRADUATE EDUCATION REPORT

Graduate Council Meeting, March 9, 2023

Updates from Dr. Ranjit T. Koodali
Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education

1. **Graduate Admissions** (Ms. Barbara Chaffin, *Admissions Coordinator* and Ms. Julie Harris, *Graduate Admissions Analyst*)
 - a. Graduate applications for Winter 2024 and Spring 2024 have been turned on. Applications for those terms can now be submitted to the Graduate School.
 - b. Graduate applications for Summer 2024 and Fall 2024 will be turned on in the next couple of months.
 - c. Please encourage your students to submit the Change of Term Request Forms if they were admitted for Spring 2023 but need to be pushed forward to a different term.
 - d. The Spring 2023 graduate application will shut off Friday, March 31st.
2. **Graduate Assistantships** (Ms. Renee Purdy, *Budgets and Resources Manager*)
 - a. None
3. **Graduate Enrollment**
 - a. The enrollment data (Excel files) are available at <S:\UNIVERSITY-WIDE-SHARED\00 Graduate School\Enrollment Data>. Please see file, "Graduate Spring Enrollment and SCH for Week 6 25FEB23" for latest enrollment report from Institutional Research.
4. **Graduate Records** (Ms. Jamie DeYoung, *Assistant Director of Graduate Operations* and Lisa Meyers, *Graduate Records Specialist*)
 - a. Grades and Capstone Forms are to be submitted no later than May 9th.
 - b. Thesis submission deadline is April 14th. Guidelines can be found at <https://www.wku.edu/graduate/students/thesis/>
 - c. Encourage students to check [DegreeWorks](#) to monitor their program completion progress.
5. **Graduate School Events** (Ms. Elizabeth Doerr, *Office Coordinator* and Samantha Hines, *Research and Graduate Education Outreach Coordinator*)
 - a. **Completed**
 - i. Spring 2023 New Graduate Student Orientation was held on Friday, Jan. 13, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. A recording, is available at <https://youtu.be/31ks7C-erVM>.
 - ii. A new initiative, "GRADSCHOLAR" in collaboration with University Libraries was held virtually on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 3:00

to 5:00 PM. A pre-recording regarding services from University Libraries is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bqdg5LKTbIM>.

- iii. GRADLEARN, "Strategies to Promote the Success of Every Student" by Dr. Frankie Felder was held on Monday, Feb. 20, 1:30 to 4:00 PM. A recording of this virtual event is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdmSso2yyKk>.
- iv. A Graduate Virtual Recruitment Fair was held Wednesday on Feb. 22, 1:00 to 2:00 PM.
- v. The third WKU Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition was held on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, 3:00 to 5:00 PM. See WKU news release, [Geoscience graduate student Trayson Lawler wins WKU Three Minute Thesis \(3MT®\) Competition](#).
- vi. Distinguished Lecture on Diversity in Graduate Education was delivered by Dr. Terrell L. Strayhorn, Feb. 28, 2023, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- vii. A Graduate Virtual Recruitment Fair, Diversity Graduate Information Fair, will be held on Mar. 2, 5:00 to 6:00 PM.
- viii. The Spring 2023 Graduate School Information Session: Program Coordinator's Meeting will be on Tuesday, Mar. 6, 3.00 to 4.00 PM.

b. Upcoming

- i. Virtual Recruitment Fair, Thursday, Mar. 9, 5:00 to 6:00 PM.
- ii. GRE Strategy Workshop, Friday, Mar. 10, 3.00 to 4.30 PM.
- iii. GRADWELL Workshop - Imposter Syndrome, Monday, Mar. 27, 3.00 to 4.00 PM.
- iv. Student Scholar Showcase, Saturday, Apr. 1, 8.30 AM to 4.30 PM.
- v. Virtual Recruitment Fair, Thursday, Apr. 6, 5:00 to 6:00 PM.
- vi. GRADWELL Workshop - Dealing with Uncertainty, Monday, Apr. 24, 3.00 to 4.00 PM.

A few more events are in planning stages.

6. Graduate School Recruitment (Dr. Scott Gordon, *Manager, Graduate Recruitment and Retention*)

- a. Prospective students can set up individual virtual appointments at <https://calendly.com/scott-gordon>.
- b. Recruitment events that Graduate School is participating is listed at <https://www.wku.edu/graduate/recruitment.php>.
 - i. Virtual events - general info fairs, diversity, military, faculty/staff, alumni

- ii. In-person events – graduate/career fairs at Kentucky institutions
- c. Slate recruitment, yield, and conversion campaigns are on-going. If you need assistance with *ad-hoc* campaigns in Slate, please contact Dr. Gordon.
 - i. Student names from the Request More Information (RMI) form were sent to program coordinators on February 15
 - ii. Working with program coordinators to review and update program-specific RMI emails

7. Graduate School Staffing

- a. None

8. Graduate Student Awards

- a. **John D. Minton Award.** Nomination materials are now being accepted via email to graduate.school@wku.edu through Friday, March 10, 2023. Please include *Minton Nomination Materials* in the email subject line.

Graduate student completing all degree requirements in the fall 2022 semester or be a candidate for the spring 2023 or summer 2023 semesters are eligible. The winner will get a monetary Fellowship Award of \$700.

- b. **Outstanding Graduate Student College Award.** The deadline to indicate the name of the winner is Friday, March 17, 2023.

9. Graduate Student Research Grant (Ms. Renee Purdy, *Budgets and Resources Manager*)

- a. Awarded 34 awards in the fall in the amount of \$42,763.11.
- b. Committee is currently reviewing 30 spring applicants requesting a grand total of \$44,086.10.

10. For Your Information

- a. None