



Graduate Council  
Minutes —Thursday, September 9, 2021, 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting

Present: Scott Arnett, Ahmet Kaan Aydin, Katrina Burch, Martha Day, Carl Dick, Ann Ferrell, Nicholas Fessler, Jacob Howard, Aaron Hughey, Danita Kelley, Ranjit Koodali, Grant Malone, Brooke Oak, Sarah Ochs, Richard Schugart, Julie Sisler, Dana Sullivan, Adam West, Lily Popova Zhuhadar, Marla Zobel

Guest: Jessica Dorris, Jennifer Hammonds, Beth Laves, Evelyn Thrasher,

Absent: Lizzie Doerr, Cheryl Hopson

1. Call to Order \*Day
2. Consideration of August 19, 2021, minutes (APPENDIX A) \*Dick/Schugart; Approved
3. Report from Graduate Council Executive Committee \*No Report
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Policy Committee (No Report)
  - b. Curriculum Committee Minutes Approved by electronic vote 9.2.21 (APPENDIX B)  
\*Ochs/Schugart; Approved  
\*Day will send an email to graduate student council members regarding Course Leaf access.
  - c. Student Research Grants Committee (No Report)
5. Graduate School Reports: Report from the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education
  - \*Koodali shares graduate admissions updated change of term procedure.
  - \*Koodali outlines past and upcoming graduate outreach events.
  - \*Koodali describes graduate records updates, including the Grad Catalog publication, DegreeWorks, and credentials awarded.
  - \*Koodali presents Enrollment Report. More information will be provided.
  - \*Koodali discusses integration of the Slate CRM. Please share the GS inquiry form.
  - \*Koodali presents Graduate Student Scholarships-DoD SMART Scholarship-for-Service-Program.
  - \*Koodali shares information regarding the Graduate Student Research Grant and Graduate Assistantships. GS Business Manager Shanda Spencer will be leaving WKU on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Koodali provides information for Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS), nominations for the 2022 MAGS/ProQuest Distinguishes Master's Thesis Awards. \*Thrasher discusses access to Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS).

\*Koodali asks that everyone subscribe to the WKU Grad School YouTube channel.

6. Nominations and Election of a GC representative to the Professional Education Council

\*No nominations. Day will reach out to individuals to serve as representative.

7. Public Comments

8. Announcements & Adjourn

\*The date for the next Grad Council Meeting is to be on October 12<sup>th</sup>, instead of the 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

\*Hammond asks that members announce to students that if they wish to graduate in the Fall, they will need to apply for graduation ASAP.

\*Ferrell/Blankenship; Adjourned.