

Graduate Council



Topic: Graduate Council
Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024
Time/Location: WAB 227

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of October 10, 2024 Minutes (APPENDIX A)
3. Reports from standing committees
 - a. Graduate Council Executive Committee
 - b. Graduate Council Policy Committee (No report)
 - c. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee (APPENDIX B)
 - d. Graduate Council Research Committee (APPENDIX C)
4. Reports from the Graduate School
5. Announcements
 - a. December 12th meeting at 2:30 (due to Senate) and on Zoom:
<https://wku.zoom.us/j/95134131163>
6. Adjournment

APPENDIX A
CONSIDERATION OF GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10, 2024

Members present: Ray Blankenship, Whitley Stone, Jessi Thomsen, Jeremy Logsdon, Phillip Gunter, Dan Strunk, Tonya Bragg-Underwood, Mikhail Khenner, Leslee Tarbett, Erin Warfel, Laura Hudson (proxy: Wes Cottongim), Lance Hahn, Kirk Atkinson, Kumi Ishii (proxy: Jieyoung Kong), Catherine Wilson, Sarah Bonis, Nolan McCord, Elnad Jasarevic, Birhanu Gessese, Madalynn Alt

Guests: Jennifer Hammonds, Scott Gordon, Merrall Price, Cathleen Webb, Jennifer Klemm, Danita Kelley, Alexander Lebedinsky, Alison Langdon

1. Call to Order at 3:00pm via Zoom
2. Consideration of August 12, 2024 Minutes (APPENDIX A)
 - a. Motion to consider 1st/2nd Atkinson/Hahn. Approved unanimously.
3. Reports from standing committees
 - a. Graduate Council Executive Committee
SGA graduate representation in announcements
 - b. Graduate Council Policy Committee (APPENDIX B)
Motion to approve minutes 1st/2nd Bragg-Underwood/Atkinson
Motion to approve with friendly amendment 1st/2nd Blankenship/Atkinson
Approved unanimously.
 - c. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee (APPENDIX C)
Motion to approve minutes. 1st / 2nd Stone/Atkinson. Approved unanimously.
 - d. Graduate Council Research Committee (No report)
No Report.
4. Reports from the Graduate School
Hammonds- The Graduate School is now Graduate Studies, continuing to work on Slate.
Gordon- Enrollment head count is down, and credit hours are increased by 24.
5. Announcements
 - a. SGA Graduate Representation

Discussion regarding current SGA representation. Agreed that each college had representation on the Graduate Council, and no action needed.

- b. December 2024 Graduate Council meeting will be held at 2:30pm instead of 3:00pm and will meet via Zoom to accommodate Senate meeting overlap.
6. Adjournment
- b. Motion to adjourn 1st/2nd Hahn/Warfel at 3:44pm.

Graduate Council Curriculum Committee

Minutes – November 7, 2024, 2:30 PM (CT)

Join Zoom Meeting - 924 3304 8173 - <https://wku.zoom.us/j/92433048173>

Voting Members: Whitley Stone, Dan Strunk, Jessi Thomsen, Erin Warfel, Leslee Tarbett, Elnad Jasarevic

Advisory Members: Beth Laves, Jennifer Klemm, Danita Kelley, Cate Webb, Jamie DeYoung

Guest: Kumi Ishii

Approval of Minutes, October 3, 2024 – 1st/2nd: Strunk – **Vote:** Approved (6/6)

Course Administration:

None submitted by 11/1/2024

Program Administration:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (2)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
0471	0471: Communicating in Organizations	Edited	jyn21880	10/22/2024
<p>Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Strunk/Warfel</p> <p>Discussion: Kumi Ishii was representing JieYoung Kong since she was in class, she gave a brief overview of the changes. Jasarevic asked how many hours the class was. Answer, 3 credits.</p> <p>Vote: Approved (7/7)</p>				
157	157: Social Work	Edited	ern67287	10/28/2024
<p>Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Strunk/Stone</p> <p>Discussion: Erin Warfel gave a brief description of the changes. Jamie DeYoung pointed out the resume missing from admission requirements. She wanted to make a friendly amendment from the floor.</p>				

Graduate Curriculum Committee (2)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
<p><i>Friendly Amendment – Under Admission Requirement – Under #2 adding the admission resume. – Under Advanced area the resume should be added under #4.</i></p> <p>Vote: Approved (5/5) Abstain (1)</p>				

Informational Item(s)

- Reminder of GCCC meeting during finals week: December 5, 2024

Other Business:

None

Adjourn at 2:45pm – 1st/2nd – Strunk/Stone

Respectfully submitted

GCCC Recorder

Jessica Steenbergen



Graduate Council

Graduate Student Research

Agenda — October 17, 2024

I. New Business:

- 27 applications were submitted requesting funding
 - 9 applications classified as “research”
 - 17 applications classified as “travel”
 - 1 application were originally classified as “research and travel”

- Total Funds Requested = \$24,697.11
 - Total Research Funds Requested = \$15,408.11
 - Total Travel Funds Requested = \$9,289.00

- Total Funds Recommended by GSRG Committee = \$24,340.11
 - Total Research Funds Recommended = \$16,051.11
 - Total Travel Funds Recommended = \$8,289.00

Update 10/24/2024

The Interim Associate Provost for Research has indicated that all applications given Medium Priority or High Priority will be funded at the amounts recommended by the committee. The "Total Provided" amount is the total amount provided by the Office of Research and Creative Activity.

Research and Travel Applications

Priority: High

1. Soltis, Rianna. Biology (Dr. Scott Grubbs) 'Population range and distribution assessment of the Karst Snowfly (*Allocapnia cunninghami* Ross & Ricker, 1971)' Requesting \$2000 for research and \$500 for travel. Recommending \$2000 for research and \$500 for travel. Committee Notes: well

written research proposal for funding with good budget justification. Anticipates 2 KAS presentations. Travel funding contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

	<i>Research & Travel</i>
<i>Total Requesting</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Total Recommending</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Total Provided</i>	\$2,500.00

Research Applications

Priority: High

1. Briles, Emma. Psychological Sciences (Dr. Jenni Teeters) ' Examination of Women's Chronic Pain and Cannabis Use.'

Requesting \$2000 for research.

Recommending \$2000 for research.

Committee Notes: Well written research proposal for funding with budget justification. Be sure budget is consistent with narrative. Proposal could benefit with some focus.

2. Foster, Rachel. Biology (Dr. Joseph Marquardt) ' Investigating the Interactions between Hsl7 and Elm1 in the Morphogenesis Checkpoint of Saccharomyces cerevisiae '

Requesting \$1500 for research.

Recommending \$1500 for research.

Committee Notes: well written research proposal for funding with excellent budget justification

3. Harner, Jenson. Biology (Dr. Joseph Marquardt) 'Investigating the mechanisms of polarisome regulation by the kinase Elm1'

Requesting \$1991.99 for research.

Recommending \$1991.99 for research.

Committee Notes: well written research proposal

4. Ratnayake, Rangana. Biology (Dr. Ajay Srivastava) 'Exploring the Role of Cathepsin-L: A Genomic Analysis of Gene Expression Changes in Drosophila during Development and Tumorigenesis'

Requesting \$2000 for research.

Recommending \$2000 for research.

Committee Notes: well written research proposal for funding with good budget justification

5. Traxlor, Sidney. Psychological Sciences (Dr. Jenni Teeters) 'Exploring College Experiences and Outcomes'

Requesting \$2000 for research.

Recommending \$2000 for research.

Committee Notes: Well written research proposal. Would be stronger if you described the participant eligibility requirements.

6. Webster, Trevor. Chemistry (Dr. Lester Pesterfield) 'Reduction of Metal Oxides via Mechanochemistry'

Requesting \$990.10 for research.

Recommending \$990.10 for research.

Committee Notes: well written research proposal for funding with excellent budget justification

Priority: Medium

1. Hauschild, Ben. Geosciences (Jason Polk) 'Investigating Groundwater Dynamics and Aquifer Recharge Patterns in Barbados Using Forensic Hydrology'

Requesting \$2000 for research.

Recommending \$1000 for research.

Committee Notes: Provide more details about the individual budget items and relate the items to the goals. For example, why are the filters needed? Funding is limited to \$2000 per student and this student was previously awarded \$1000.

2. Murphy, Caroline. Psychology (Dr. Sarah Bonis) 'WORKING TITLE: VARIATION IN FUNCTIONS OF BEHAVIOR IDENTIFIED BY MAS-II IN VARYING DEMOGRAPHICS OF TRANSGENDER POPULATIONS WORKING TITLE: VARIATION IN FUNCTIONS OF BEHAVIOR IDENTIFIED BY MAS-II IN VARYING DEMOGRAPHICS OF TRANSGENDER POPULATIONS'

Requesting \$1426.02 for research.

Recommending \$1069.02 for research.

Committee Notes: Unclear why transcription is needed for survey responses, so this item was unfunded. No clear expected outcome.

3. Palummo, Sofia. Psychology (Dr. Steven Wininger) 'Impact of Injury on Performance Anxiety'
Requesting \$1500 for research.

Recommending \$1500 for research.

Committee Notes: Nice rationale for incentives for participants, but no clear outcome related to a specified hypothesis. TopScholar is a repository for theses not a peer reviewed publication source. Interesting exploratory project but lacking details.

	<i>Research</i>
<i>Total Requesting</i>	\$ 15,408.11
<i>Total Recommending</i>	\$14,051.11
<i>Total Provided</i>	\$14,051.11

Travel Applications

Priority: High

1. Askren, Marlena. Biology (Dr. T. Keith Philips) 'Exploring the evolution of spider beetles within the Lomas of coastal Peru'

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: National Conference in Arizona. Contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

2. Davidson, Samuel. Geosciences (Zachary J. Suriano) 'Rain-on-Snow Event Climatology and Hydrological Response in the Connecticut River Watershed '

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: Interesting proposal. National Conference in DC; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

3. Gurbandurdyev, Begench. Physics & Astronomy (Dr. Ali Oguz Er) 'Graphene Quantum Dots as Advanced Photosensitizers in Antimicrobial Photodynamic Therapy'

Requesting \$489 for travel.

Recommending \$489 for travel.

Committee Notes: travel to conference in California; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

4. Howd, Chelsea. Psychological Sciences (Amy Brausch) 'Exploring the Link Between Sexual Orientation Concealment and Suicidal Ideation Frequency Among Sexual and Gender Minority Adults'

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: International Conference; acceptance proof provided

5. Hurt, Ava. English (Dr. Trini Stickle) 'Unrefined, or Simply Undefined and Uncontrollable: An Analysis of Lady Louisa's Behavior in Burney's Evelina'

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: Nice complete application. National Conference in Georgia; acceptance proof provided

6. Langsdorf, Nadine. Physical Therapy (Dr. Penny Head) ' Intra-Rater Reliability of the Mobil-Aider Device on Anterior Translation of the Talocrural Joint'

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: Contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

7. Lunday, John. Geoscience (Dr. Nahid Gani) 'Application of Random Forest Classification to Remote Sensing Data: Evaluating the Viability of Machine Learning for Geologically Remapping the Heavily Vegetated Olmstead Quadrangle, Kentucky '

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: National Conference in DC; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

8. Ogungbade, Taofeek. Chemistry (Dr. Bangbo Yan) '*Heteronuclear metal-organic framework materials for photocatalytic carbon dioxide reduction* '

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: National Conference in Georgia; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

9. Seiler, Serena. Biology (Dr. Natalie Mountjoy) 'Occurrence and Cooccurrence of Sea Otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*), Harbor Seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and Humans around the Homer Spit in Homer, AK '

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: Local conference but local to Alaska; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

10. Thier, Sydney. English (Kristi Branham) "Do Worry, Darling: Feminine Aesthetics and the Rise of Faux Feminist Cinema"

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: national/regional conference in South Carolina; Contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

11. Wildman, Madeline. Psychological Sciences (Amy Brausch) 'Treatment of Stress and Anxiety in Mild Cognitive Impairment/Mild ADRD'

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: National Conference in Philadelphia; Acceptance proof provided

Priority: Medium

1. Brzezicki, Julia. Biology (Dr. Doug McElroy) 'Understanding the behavioral variation of Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) as an indicator of human-elephant conflict and social dynamics '

Requesting \$349 for travel.

Recommending \$349 for travel.

Committee Notes: well written proposal. KAS; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

2. Eaton, Jerica. Biology (Dr. Jarrett Johnson) 'The effects of two common herbicides on the growth and development of three amphibian species '

Requesting \$495 for travel.

Recommending \$495 for travel.

Committee Notes: KAS; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

3. Merola-Lapson, Jack. Biology (Dr. Scott Grubbs) 'A spatial and temporal analysis of stonefly (Plecoptera) biodiversity of Pennsylvania '

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: KAS; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

4. Ofoka, Emanuella. Biology (Dr. Simran Banga) 'Ceg10 Legionella Pneumophila Effector Protein Modulate Host Lipid Metabolism'

Requesting \$456 for travel.

Recommending \$456 for travel.

Committee Notes: KY State; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

Priority: Low

1. Savage, Savannah. Psychology (Dr. Steven Winger & Dr. Rick Grieve) 'The Impact of Goals on Attention, Anxiety, and Performance'

Requesting \$500 for travel.

Recommending \$500 for travel.

Committee Notes: Handwritten. No abstract. Unclear whether student is an author.; contingent upon acceptance proof; none provided

Not funded.

	<i>Travel (conference)</i>
<i>Total Requesting</i>	\$ 7,789.00
<i>Total Recommending</i>	\$ 7,789.00
<i>Total Provided</i>	\$ 7,289.00