



**Minutes—September 11, 2008
3:30 pm, Academic Affairs Conference RM 227**

Members Present: Craig Martin, Ray Blankenship, Harold Little, Jennifer Blair, Sherry Powers, Elizabeth Jones, Nedra Atwell, Cory Burton, Philip Lienesch, Claus Ernst, Lawrence Alice, Maria Clara Figueirinhas, Elizabeth Winkler, Alison Ganze, Ronald Hopper, Donna Blackburn, Ritchie Taylor, Terri Cunningham, Nevil Speer, Jennifer Tinsley, Sarah Kessler (Council Secretary)

Alternative Members Present: Darbi Haynes-Lawrence

Members Absent: Andrew McMichael, Beverly Seigrist,

Guests Present: Richard Bowker, Retta Poe, Freida Eggleton, Dennis George, Sylvia Gaiko, Jane Olmsted

I. Elect Graduate Council Chair and Vice-Chair for AY 2008-2009.

- A. Sherry Powers nominated as chair
 - Atwell/Little motion
 - Little/Atwell motion to close nominations
 - Atwell/Little motion for approval passed

- B. Nedra Atwell nominated as vice-chair
 - Little/Jones motion for approval passed

II. Appointment of committee chairpersons and members of various committees.

- A. Elizabeth Jones (chair), Ritchie Taylor, Philip Lienesch, and Maria Clara Figueirinhas appointed as Graduate Student Research Committee members
- B. Harold Little (chair), Nedra Atwell, and Donna Blackburn appointed as Graduate Faculty Committee members
- C. (chair), Nevil Speer, Beverly Siegrist, and Ronald Hopper nominated as Rules Committee members

III. Consideration of July 10, 2008 minutes.

The minutes stand approved as distributed

IV. New Business

A. University College

Consent *Speer/Atwell motion for approval of GRST Change Course Prefix and GRST Revise Course Title passed	Change Course Prefix GRST 597 Contemporary Organizational Administration Contact: Nevil Speer nevil.speer@wku.edu 5-5959
Consent	Revise Course Title GRST 597 Contemporary Organizational Administration Contact: Nevil Speer nevil.speer@wku.edu 5-5959

Action *Speer/Atwell motion for approval passed	Create New Course LEAD 525 Leadership Ethics Contact: Shane Spiller shane.spiller@wku.edu 5-8877
Action *Speer/Atwell motion for approval passed	Revise a Program 041 MA Administrative Dynamics Contact: Nevil Speer nevil.speer@wku.edu 5-5959

B. College of Health and Human Services

Information Only *Atwell/Blackburn motion for approval passed (Proposal was voted on because it was unclear with UCC changes if the GC should vote on one-time only proposals)	One-time-Only SWRK 492G Social Work With Offenders Contact: Dean May Dean.May@wku.edu
Information Only Withdrawn because GERO 501 proposal for a new course would offer the course during Spring 2009 semester	One-time-Only Course Offering GERO 501 Perspectives in Aging Contact: Dana Burr Bradley Dana.bradley@wku.edu
Action *Atwell/Little motion for approval passed	Proposal to Revise a Program 149 Master of Science in Nursing Contact: Beverly Siegrist Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu
Action *Atwell/Little motion to consider GERO 501, 503, 505, 510, and 581 together passed *Speer/Ernst motion for approval of new GERO courses passed with friendly amendments	Proposal to Create a New Course GERO 501 Perspectives in Aging Contact: Dana Burr Bradley Dana.bradley@wku.edu
Action	Proposal to Create a New Course GERO 503 Policy Foundations of Aging Services Contact: Dana Burr Bradley Dana.bradley@wku.edu
Action	Proposal to Create a New Course GERO 505 Development & Change of Aging Programs Contact: Dana Burr Bradley Dana.bradley@wku.edu
Action	Proposal to Create a New Course GERO 510 Current Issues in Aging Contact: Dana Burr Bradley Dana.bradley@wku.edu
Action	Proposal to Create a New Course GERO 581 Global Aging Contact: Dana Burr Bradley Dana.bradley@wku.edu

Action *Speer/Atwell motion for approval passed with a friendly amendment to title (previously Graduate Certificate in Aging)	Proposal to Create a New Certificate Program Aging Services Contact: Dana Burr Bradley Dana.bradley@wku.edu
Action *Atwell/Speer motion for approval passed with a friendly amendment	Proposal to Create a New Certificate Program Post MSN Certificate: Nurse Administrator Contact: Beverly Siegrist Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu
Action *Atwell/Jones motion for approval passed with a friendly amendment	Proposal to Exception to an Academic Policy MSN, psychiatric nurse practitioner concentration Contact: Beverly Siegrist Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu

C. College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Action *Speer/Ganze motion for approval of EXED 534 and 590 passed with a friendly amendment	Multiple Revisions to a Course EXED 534 Research in Exceptional Child Education Contact: Nedra Atwell nedra.atwell@wku.edu 5-4647
Action	Multiple Revisions to a Course EXED 590 Advanced Internship in Exceptional Education Contact: Nedra Atwell nedra.atwell@wku.edu 5-4647

V. Other Business

A. Report from Graduate Dean.

1. The assistance of Graduate Council members will be critical this academic year. The collective wisdom of the Council will be needed for projects on the horizon.
2. Partial tuition waivers are growing and the number of graduate assistantships has grown from 248 to 269.
3. Travel funding and Graduate Student Research grants continue to be successful. Sarah Kessler distributed the PIE report from AY07-08 to showcase the successes of travel funding from PIE and Graduate Studies and Research.
4. The Ed.D. program is a monumental step forward for the university.
5. Quality initiatives will be continue to be examined in the new academic year. Questions we should think about include what should a thesis be? We also need to consider how we can serve students wanting to complete an electronic or multimedia thesis and how publications for students play a role in the thesis process. You are encouraged to find ways to have more theses from your department.
6. You will receive more information about the Student Engagement Activities Transcript (SEAT) and how it can assist graduate students. All GA's as a condition of their funding will enter their activities and all graduate students will be encouraged to use SEAT.
7. A committee on admissions standards was established last year. Phil Lienesch, the committee's chair, has been asked to continue looking into university and department admissions standards as well as the GRE/GMAT, the GAP score, etc. with the other committee members.
8. We should think about the role of the graduate student and how we define it. Also the role of the advisor and committee should be examined.

9. The probation policy is working as an early warning system for students so they do not fall through the cracks. Departments and deans offices actively involved in making this policy a success were thanked.
10. We will continue to expedite the way we do business in Graduate Studies and Research.

VI. Adjournment 4:55 p.m.