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

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| Action | Create New Course  
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| *Speer/Atwell motion for approval passed | LEAD 525 Leadership Ethics  
| Contact: Shane Spiller  
| shane.spiller@wku.edu  
| 5-8877 |

| Action | Revise a Program  
|--------|--------------------------------|
| *Speer/Atwell motion for approval passed | 041 MA Administrative Dynamics  
| Contact: Nevil Speer  
| nevil.speer@wku.edu  
| 5-5959 |

B. College of Health and Human Services

| Information Only | One-time-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) | SWRK 492G Social Work With Offenders  
| Contact: Dean May  
| Dean.May@wku.edu |

| Information Only | One-time-Only Course Offering  
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Withdrawn because GERO 501 proposal for a new course would offer the course during Spring 2009 semester | GERO 501 Perspectives in Aging  
| Contact: Dana Burr Bradley  
| Dana.bradley@wku.edu |

| Action | Proposal to Revise a Program  
|--------|--------------------------------|
| *Atwell/Little motion for approval passed | 149 Master of Science in Nursing  
| Contact: Beverly Siegrist  
| Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu |

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

| Action | Multiple Revisions to a Course
|---------|--------------------------------|
| *Atwell/Speer motion for approval passed with a friendly amendment* | 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.