

**William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils**  
**Year-End Report**

**Academic Year 2022-2023**

- 1. Council: Graduate Policy and Procedures Council**
- 2. Council Members:** : BJ Diamond, Robert Laud, Lydia Albuquerque, Satasha Williams, Michelle Gonzalez, Jami Jennings, Shiqira Freeman and Jonathan Lincoln (Liaison)
- 3. Council Charges and Summary of Activities:**

**Standing Charges\**

1. Review and recommend policy for the adoption, implementation, and enforcement of graduate educational and academic standards.
2. Review and recommend policy for admission and retention in graduate programs, and for publicity and recruitment issues.
3. Review graduate advisement and registration policies and procedures, and recommend revisions and/or new policies, as needed.
4. Identify and recommend means for improvement in graduate advisement and registration policies and procedures.
5. Liaise with university officials and bodies responsible for policy on the above matters to review the effectiveness of policies and facilitate their implementation.
6. Work with other appropriate offices as needed.

**Priority Charges for AY 2022-2023:**

1. Develop a Graduate Forum 2023
2. Recruit and Consult with the Graduate Studies Working Group on implementation of Faculty Senate-approved policies: Centers for Graduate Studies and Center for Innovation.
3. Work on ways to implement the Graduate Multicultural Mentoring and Support Program (G-MMS)
4. Identify needed resources and policy development and revision areas.

**2022-2023 Summary of Activities:**

1. Graduate Forum 2023 was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 80 people signed up for the Forum that included nine speakers. The feedback stated that it was both informative and worthwhile, covering a variety of areas: initiatives, marketing, economic and demographic challenges, new pathways and directions.
2. Develop plans and structure for the Graduate Multicultural Mentoring and Support Program (G-MMS).
3. Discussed plans for developing a Center for Graduate Studies and a Center for Innovation.

**Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:**

1. Develop a working and functional Graduate Multicultural Mentoring and Support Program (G-MMS).
2. Solicit feedback from the Graduate Studies Working Group and Graduate Program Directors regarding needs and priorities.
3. Center for Innovation: Develop and Execute the Center for Innovation and identify high priority areas for development (resources, programs and certificates).
4. Center for Graduate Studies: Develop and execute a functional center .
5. Develop and revise, new and existing policies, respectively, based on program director feedback (e.g., real-time availability of transcripts and degree conferral as soon as all requirements have been fulfilled).

**Please provide suggestions for how the council can be better utilized in the next year:**

The Council can be better utilized by continuing to loop back to Faculty Senate approved proposals with updates, continuing to dialogue with the administration regarding said proposals and continue to integrate all activities with other Faculty Senate Councils and Committees. Continue to enhance accountability, transparency and Faculty Senate relevance.

Graduate Policy and Procedures Chair.

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