

**END OF YEAR REPORT
ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-07
GRADUATE COUNCIL FACULTY SENATE
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Introduction

The Graduate Council of the Faculty Senate met six times during the academic year, three occasions during the Fall and Spring Semester. The meetings were primarily to coordinate activities and address each of the charges issued by the Faculty Senate. The following faculty and professional staff members were part of the Council: Susan Sabatino (Library), Song Chung (Science), Francis Cai (Business), Claudia Goldstein (Art), Enrique S. Pumar (Humanities Art and Sciences), Rochelle Kaplan (Education), Liana Fornarotto (Graduate Studies), Danielle Liautaud (Graduate Studies), and Rita Levine (Science Enrichment Center).

Activities

I- Review and Recommend new graduate programs and major changes in existing programs.

During the course of the 2006-07 academic year, the Council examined program changes submitted by the Department of Educational Leadership, School of Business, Department of Political Science and the Department of Exercise and Movement Sciences. All of these program changes were recommended for endorsement to the Faculty Senate.

II- Monitor the work of Graduate Directors

Two members of the council, Rochelle Kaplan and Francis Cai, are Graduate Directors and represented the Council in the Graduate Directors meetings.

III- Conduct a focus group with graduate students

On April 11, the Council conducted a focus group with graduate students in the Paterson Room of the Library. The focus group was moderated by Enrique S. Pumar and Susan Sabatino was the note taker in addition to arranging all the logistics for this activity. The main notes from the focus group are attached.

In addition, on March 8, the Council organized a faculty forum under the able leadership of Rochelle Kaplan. The theme of the forum was *Staying Competitive in the Graduate Studies Market: New Directions for WPU* and approximately 25 faculty and professional

staff attended and participated in three breakout groups. The summary of the discussions in those groups is attached as well.

Other Activities

The Council issued an invitation to the Provost to speak at the Graduate Forum about his vision for graduate education at the university. The Provost was not able to attend but Dr. Nina Jemmott, Associate Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, and Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, presented the vision of the university administration regarding the future of graduate education.

Enrique S. Pumar attended the luncheons for Council Chairs organized by the Faculty Senate and briefed other chairs and senators of the Council activities.

The following council members have volunteered to serve in the Council next academic year: Francis Cai, Liana Fornarotto, and Rita Levine,