

**Graduate Council  
End-of-Year Report  
2007-2008**

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1. The Council recommended the following new programs for approval by the Senate:
  - A *Marketing and Management* track was proposed for the MBA.
  - A 15-credit *endorsement program in Science Education* for middle school science teachers was proposed.
  - A 30-credit, 11-month, *Executive Master of Science in Sales Leadership* to serve sales executives who want to move up the career ladder was proposed.
  - An alternate route track for the *School Library Media* endorsement program was proposed. This track would allow librarians without teacher certification to become school librarians.
  
2. The Council recommended the following program changes for approval by the Senate:
  - The number of credits in the *Teachers of Students with Disabilities* endorsement program was changed from 24 to 22 credits. This puts the program more in line with other programs in the region which require only 21 credits.
  - A change in name for the *M.Ed. in Education* to the *M.Ed. in Curriculum and Learning* was proposed.
  - An increase in credits was proposed for the *M.Ed. in Counseling Services* for the agency track from 48 to 60 credits. A change in credit distribution for the school counselor track was also proposed. The new courses and new course content, as well as the increase in program credits, were in response to anticipated changes in both state licensure requirements for counselors and in the program's accreditation agency.
  - Master of Arts in Teaching – formally had only one track in elementary education. A track in secondary education and a track in special education were proposed.
  - M.Ed. in Special Education – formally had two tracks, one in learning disabilities and one in developmental disabilities. A third track for Teachers of Students with Disabilities which includes an endorsement in special education as well as an option to continue on for a master's degree was proposed.
  - M.A. in Sociology – a change in the program to make the degree an M.A. in Applied Sociology was proposed.

3. The Council reviewed the Academic Plan in regard to content on graduate studies and made some recommendations (see attached).

4. The Council organized the Annual Graduate Studies Forum on April 3, 2008 on the theme of *The Culture of Graduate Studies at William Paterson University: Making it a Reality*. A summary of the forum is attached.

5. The Council reviewed the forms for new course proposals and new program proposals to see where insertions regarding program outcomes could be located. Recommendations were forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee (see attached).

**Recommendations for Charges for Next Year**

In addition to standing charges, the Council recommends the following:

1. Involvement of the Council in any planning for a School of Graduate Education.
2. Improved communication between the Senate Graduate Council and the Graduate Program Directors' Council.

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