

**William Paterson University
Faculty Senate Graduate Programs Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 24, 2018

Time: 3:05 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Location: Cheng Library, Paterson Room

Members Present: D. Feola, N. Gramiccioni, M. Hinkle, (Co-Chair), N. Hirshon, K. Louie, P. W. Ma, and S. Sabatino (Co-Chair).

Guests: Prof. Michael J. Thompson, Political Science Department, Prof. Rajender Kaur, and Prof. John Parras, English Department

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting call to order	Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. by S. Sabatino.	
Adoption of the Agenda	Agenda was adopted.	Motion to approve the agenda: K. Louie and P. W. Ma (seconded).
Review of the minutes	The minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed.	Motion to approve the minutes: M. Hinkle and D. Feola (seconded). Minutes were approved.
New Business: Master's in Public Policy Guest: Prof. Michael J. Thompson, Graduate Program Director, Political Science Department .	M. Thompson, Political Science Dept., presented the rationale for the program change and responded to questions of the members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The department decided to revise the M.A. in Public Policy and to refocus it as a critical policy standards degree. ▪ Total credit requirements will change from 36 credits to 30 credits which makes the program easier to complete in two years. ▪ The core requirements will be reduced from 15 to 9 credits. ▪ Instead of a thesis, students will write an applied policy brief which is more appealing as a culminating document. ▪ The revised courses will utilize the strengths of the current faculty. ▪ The revised program will be more attractive to new students who are more interested in a critical policy study approach. 	Motion to defer approval of the program pending revisions: K. Louie and N. Gramiccioni (seconded). The approval was unanimously deferred. The program will be resubmitted.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The department will no longer include the word “international” as there will no longer be a distinction between domestic and international in the focus of the courses. ▪ The course revisions have not yet been approved. ▪ Faculty will not be reduced. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To include a course map indicating course progressions. ▪ To indicate which courses will be offered during fall or spring semesters. ▪ To include descriptions of the new and revised courses. ▪ To include a plan for integrating the students enrolled in the new program with those enrolled under the old curriculum. 	
<p>New Business: New program: Combined BA/MFA Program: B.A. in English / M. F. A. in Creative and Professional Writing</p> <p>Guests: Prof. Rajender Kaur, Graduate Program Director and Prof. John Parras, English Department</p>	<p>R. Kaur and J. Parras, English Dept., presented the rationale for the program change and responded to questions of the members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This combined program is designed for highly-motivated students. ▪ No comparable program exists in New Jersey. ▪ Students enrolled in the combined program will not be a separate cohort but will be integrated with both B.A. and M.F.A. students. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To market the program to dual majors of English and Secondary Education. ▪ To include a section for admitting transfer students (those with an A.A. degree). 	<p>Motion to approve the program pending revisions: M. Hinkle and S. Sabatino (seconded).</p> <p>The program was approved unanimously.</p> <p>S. Sabatino will inform the Executive Board of the Faculty Senate that this program has been approved with minor additions.</p>
Old Business: Best Practices in Online Programs Checklist	Regarding the Best Practices in Online Programs Checklist: M. Hinkle and S. Sabatino will meet with the members of the Faculty Senate Technology Council on January 31, 2018 to get their feedback.	
Announcement	M. Hinkle reported that the program change for the M. A. in Clinical Counseling Psychology was approved by the Faculty Senate at the January 23, 2108 meeting.	

Next Meeting Date	M. Hinkle will send a Doodle poll to schedule the next meeting in February 2018.	Meeting subsequently scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 114a, Cheng Library.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.	
		Notes by S. Sabatino.