

12 November 2009

TO: Graduate Studies Council Members

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Amy Curtis	Brandi Pritchett	David Smith
Bruce Ferrin	Lewis Pyenson	John Spitsbergen
Leigh Ford	William Rantz	

FROM: Mark Wheeler, Chair, Graduate Studies Council

SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda

**GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, 19 November 2009, 3 p.m.**

**PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION: Room 205, Bernhard Center**

### PROPOSED AGENDA

#### Procedural Items

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Acceptance of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of 22 October

#### Discussion/Action Items

1. Curriculum Proposal: Department of Educational Leadership, Research, and Technology – Graduate Certificate Program in Student Affairs in Higher Education [COEHD-137]
2. Update on the Doctoral Residency Requirement – *Mark Wheeler*
3. Discussion of the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan: Develop list of specific comments and suggestions regarding graduate education from the GSC. Please consider the following questions PRIOR to the meeting as we will use these questions to guide this task:
  - 1) How can promoting a culture of diversity be more explicitly incorporated into graduate education?
  - 2) How much, and in what ways, should our local community be incorporated into graduate education?
  - 3) On a continuum from a focus on teaching to a focus on scholarship/creative activities/leadership, where should lie the focus of graduate faculty and should this be the same for all faculty?  
(Consider issues related to quality of education here.)
  - 4) How do we envision ourselves as an "excellent" place for graduate education? This should include a discussion regarding whether excellence is based on: scholarly/creative/leadership activities of faculty and/or students, quality of teaching, placement of our students post-WMU, incoming standardized scores of our students, or some other factor(s). It would be nice for all of these to be perfect, but we will need to prioritize.
  - 5) What is the relationship between graduate education and undergraduate education?

#### Informational Items

1. Report of the Graduate Dean – *Lewis Pyenson*
2. Report of the Provost – *David Reinhold*
3. Report of the Council Chair – *Mark Wheeler*
4. Report of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee Chair – *Brandi Pritchett*

#### Adjournment

***Elected council members who cannot attend a meeting of the Graduate Studies Council are asked to send a substitute of their choice who also represents their respective college. Non-elected members are not restricted as to whom they may designate to substitute for them.***