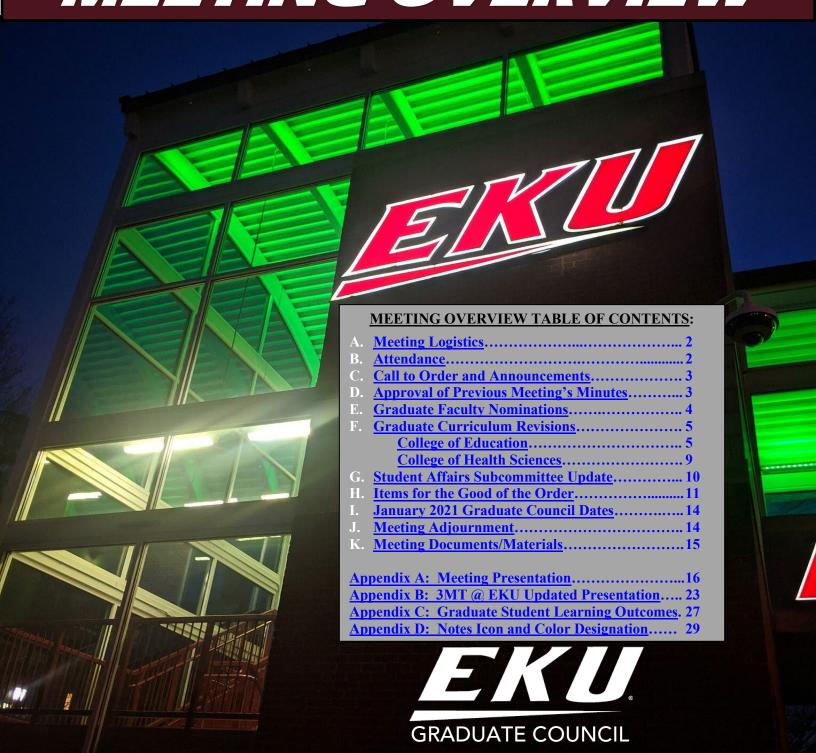
### NOVEMBER 2020

(December 4, 2020 Meeting)

### EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW





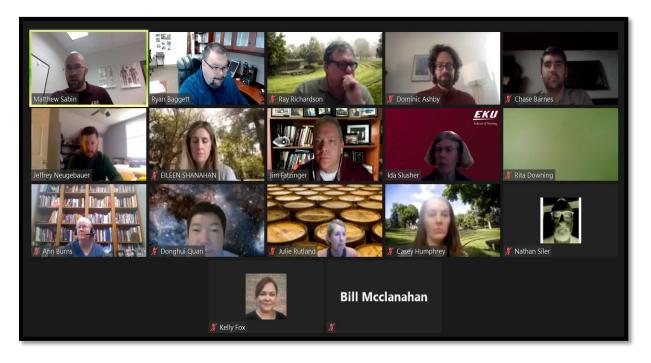
#### A. MEETING LOGISTICS:

Meeting Date:	FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2020
Meeting Time:	11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Meeting Location:	Zoom <sup>TM</sup> Videoconference: https://eku.zoom.us/j/92915308661
Meeting Type:	Monthly Meeting of the EKU Graduate Council

#### B. ATTENDANCE:

Members Present = Members Absent =

Term Expires May 2021	Term Expires May 2022	Term Expires May 2023		
Dr. Ann Burns (COE)	Mr. Paul Grant (CJS)	Dr. Dominic Ashby (CLASS)		
Dr. Oliver Oakley (COS)	Dr. Julie Rutland (COE)	Dr. Jim Fatzinger (CBT)		
Dr. Ray Richardson (CBT)	Dr. Donghui Quan (COS)	Dr. Casey Humphrey (CHS)		
Dr. Matthew Sabin (CHS)		Dr. Bill McClanahan (CJS)		
Dr. Nathan Siler (CLASS)		Dr. Jeff Neugebauer (CLASS)		
Dr. Ida Slusher ((CHS)		Dr. Eileen Shanahan (COE)		
Student Representatives:	Mr. Chase Barnes, EKU MPH	Ms. Alisha Helton, EKU English		
EKU Graduate School:	Dr. Ryan Baggett Mrs. 1	Kelly Fox		
Guests:	Mrs. Rita Downing (Educa	tion)		





#### C. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting Moderated by: Dr. Matthew Sabin, Chair - AY 2020/2021 EKU Graduate Council

Dr. Sabin called the meeting to order at 11:17 AM.

• Dr. Sabin acknowledged the promotion of Dr. Baggett to Interim Dean of the EKU Graduate School.

#### D. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

 Consideration of the Graduate Council Meeting Minutes from the Friday, October 23, 2020 Graduate Council Meeting.





MOTION #1: Move to approve the Graduate Council meeting minutes from the Friday, October 23, 2020 meeting.



#### **COUNCIL APPROVAL/VOTE: MEETING MINUTES**

Motion Made by: Dr. Ann Burns
Seconded by: Dr. Ray Richardson

Discussion: None

Committee Vote: The October Graduate Council meeting minutes are

approved with 15 votes in favor, 0 votes against and no

abstentions.



#### ACTION ITEM FOR: Mrs. Kelly Fox

Kelly will upload the finalized meeting minutes to the EKU Graduate Council webpage (<a href="https://gradschool.eku.edu/eku-graduate-council-meeting-agendas-minutes">https://gradschool.eku.edu/eku-graduate-council-meeting-agendas-minutes</a>) and on the EKU Graduate Council Blackboard site.

#### E. GRADUATE FACULTY NOMINATIONS



#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS/REQUESTED CHANGES:**

The Faculty Affairs Subcommittee, under the direction of Dr. Ida Slusher, made the following remarks:

- 12 of the 14 were approved as submitted.
- 2 of the nominations received from the College of Health Sciences featured candidates that had not completed a doctorate degree, which is a terminal degree for their respective programs. (Grabeel and Mundy)
- The candidates were discussed with Dean Schneck, Provost Pogatshnik and Dean Baggett.
- The final decision was to grant them provisional initial status until they earn their doctorate degree. This provision will be outlined on their acceptance letter from the Graduate School.

Gra	Graduate Faculty Nominations – Review / Approval					
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MOTION #2: The Graduate Council Faculty Affairs Subcommittee moves to approve the 14 faculty members noted in the chart above for the graduate faculty status level listed beside their name.





#### **COUNCIL APPROVAL/VOTE: GRADUATE FACULTY NOMINATIONS**

Motion Made by: Dr. Ida Slusher on behalf of GC Faculty Affairs Subcommittee Seconded by: Motion made by subcommittee does not require a second

Discussion: None

Committee Vote: The 14 faculty member's graduate faculty status

nominations are approved with 15 votes in favor, 0

votes against and no abstentions.



#### ACTION ITEM FOR: Graduate School

Mrs. Fox will develop approval letters for the 14 faculty members. Dr. Baggett will disseminate those letters to the faculty's Deans and Associate Deans for disseminate to the faculty member and their respective chairs.



UPDATE: Developed on 4 December by Mrs. Fox; Disseminated on Saturday, 5 December 2020 by Dean Baggett

#### F. GRADUATE CURRICULUM REVISIONS



#### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

#### <u>Department of Curriculum & Instruction</u> <u>Interim Chair: Dr. Nicola Mason</u>

Course Revision

EMS 875 Diagnostic Assessment of Students with Reading Difficulties

Editorial Change

EMS 876 Literacy, Leadership, and Advocacy Difficulties

Program Suspension

Director of Special Education

Environmental Education Endorsement

Instructional Computer Technology (P-12)

Director of Special Education Teach Out



#### EMS 875 – Diagnostic Assessment of Students with Reading Difficulties (COURSE REVISION)



#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS/REQUESTED CHANGES:**

Course title and description changed to offer an asset-based approach towards literacy assessment. Pre-requisites removed that are no longer offered.

No comments/requested changes from the committee.



The Graduate Council Curriculum Review subcommittee moves to approve the course revision for EMS 875 from the College of Education as noted above.

#### COUNCIL APPROVAL/VOTE: EMS 875 Course Revision



Motion Made by: Dr. Ann Burns on behalf of GC Curriculum Review Subcommittee Seconded by:

Motion made by subcommittee does not require a second

Discussion: None

Committee Vote: The EMS 875 Course Revision presented above is

approved with 15 votes in favor, 0 votes against and no

abstentions.

#### EMS 876 – LITERACY, LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY DIFFICULTIES (EDITORIAL CHANGE)



#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS/REQUESTED CHANGES:**

Remove the word "Difficulties" from the title. This was inadvertently added onto the end. The course does not relate to difficulties in leadership or advocacy.

No comments/requested changes from the committee.



**MOTION #4:** The Graduate Council Curriculum Review subcommittee moves to approve the editorial change for EMS 876 from the College of Education as noted above.



#### COUNCIL APPROVAL/VOTE: EMS 876 Editorial Change

Seconded by: Discussion:

Motion Made by: Dr. Ann Burns on behalf of GC Curriculum Review Subcommittee Motion made by subcommittee does not require a second

None

Committee Vote:

The EMS 876 Editorial Change presented above is approved with 15 votes in favor, 0 votes against and no abstentions.

#### **PROGRAM SUSPENSIONS:**

- Certificate in Director of Special Education (with accompanying teach-out plan) - CERTP DSP
  - The Director of Special Education is a highly specialized, low enrollment program. The program contains 4 courses that are unique to this program which are all low enrolled courses—consistently fewer than 5 students. While the DOSE certification is necessary in the state, this program is available at other institutions across Kentucky. EKU currently lacks full-time faculty who are qualified to teach these unique courses, and having an entire program taught by adjuncts is not desirable.
- **Environmental Education Endorsement** 
  - The Environmental Education Endorsement is a 12-credit hour, highly specialized program. It contains 4 courses. Two of the four courses are offered by CURI (EMS 561/761 & EMS 763) while the other two options for courses are offered through Natural Areas. Courses offered by CURI are consistently low enrolled – fewer than 5 students – and frequently require a CBSA. Additionally, Natural Areas recently received EKU approval for an Environmental Education certificate (12 credits). The certificate will include similar courses provided by the endorsement including C&I course offerings.
- Instructional Computer Technology (P-12) Endorsement
  - The Instructional Computer Technology Endorsement is a 12-credit hour highly specialized program of study. All 4-courses are unique to the program and only 1 course has been taught since the course's inception (EDC 810). There have been no students enrolled in the endorsement since its inception. Ecampus marketed this program prior however, the endorsements have since moved to Campus 1.





#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS/REQUESTED CHANGES:**

The two endorsements have no enrollments, so the sub-committee had no questions.

The Certificate in Director of Special Education was discussed, specifically ensuring the teach out plan was effective for the remaining students. Dr. Baggett ran the two individuals in DegreeWorks who had enrolled for Spring 2021 and the teach out plan would be suitable for those two students.

Dr. Rutland noted additional information that there are actually three students in the certificate and the teach out plan would allow them to graduate in summer 2021 and possibly one in the fall 2021.



MOTION #5: The Graduate Council Curriculum Review subcommittee moves to approve the program suspensions from the College of Education as noted above.

#### COUNCIL APPROVAL/VOTE: COE Program Suspensions



Motion Made by: Dr. Ann Burns on behalf of GC Curriculum Review Subcommittee Seconded by: Motion made by subcommittee does not require a second

Discussion: None

Committee Vote: The program suspensions noted above are approved

with 15 votes in favor, 0 votes against and no

abstentions.



#### **COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**



The College of Health Sciences submits the following curriculum proposal for consideration at the December 4, 2020 Grad Council Meeting.

#### **College of Health Sciences**

#### Routine Curriculum Proposals: Consent Agenda

#### **Recreation and Park Administration**

Course Revisions

REC 711 REC 712S REC 720 Therapeutic Recreation Practices and Services Management of Therapeutic Recreation Services Trends and Issues in Therapeutic Recreation



#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS/REQUESTED CHANGES:**

Three Course Revisions – Changing course names, descriptions and other wording to reflect the newly changed concentration.

No comments or changes.



MOTION #6: The Graduate Council Curriculum Review subcommittee moves to approve the three course revisions from Recreation and Park Administration as presented above.

#### COUNCIL APPROVAL/VOTE: Three Course Revisions from RPA



Motion Made by: Dr. Ann Burns on behalf of GC Curriculum Review Subcommittee

Seconded by: Motion made by subcommittee does not require a second

Discussion: None

Committee Vote: The three course revisions from RPA are approved with

15 votes in favor, 0 votes against and no abstentions.

#### REFERENCE: COLLEGE STAFF CURRICULUM POINTS OF CONTACT

College of Business and Technology	Heather Morris	Heather.Morris@eku.edu
College of Education	Rita Downing	Rita.Downing@eku.edu
College of Health Sciences	Anna Dixon	Anna.Dixon@eku.edu
College of Justice and Safety	Melinda Jones	Melinda.Jones@eku.edu
College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences	Sharon Lee	Sharon.Lee@eku.edu
College of Science	Sarah Adams	Sarah.Adams@eku.edu



#### G. Student Affairs Subcommittee Update (Dr. Olly Oakley)

 Dr. Olly Oakley noted that the subcommittee had met with the Noel Studio and the Graduate School on Monday, 23 November to begin planning the 3MT.



- Please see the updated (December 2021) 3MT @ EKU presentation in Appendix B of this document, pages 23 – 26.
- o The presentation was revised based on the 23 November 2020 meeting.
- o Three categories have been developed and award money has been set.
- Workshop ideas have been drafted
- The inaugural EKU 3MT will commence during the 2021 EKU Scholar's week (April 2021)
- Dr. Baggett noted that he delivered an introduction presentation on the 3MT @ EKU to the EKU Dean's Council in November. The council was supportive of the initiative.
- The group will meet again on Monday, 7 December at 8 AM to further discuss the 3MT to include criterion for the categories, marketing and judging.



ACTION ITEM FOR: Graduate Council Student Affairs Subcommittee and the Graduate School

Continue development of the 3MT @ EKU Process

Meeting on Monday, 7 December 2020

#### H. OTHER ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

#### 1. EKU GRADUATE SCHOOL UPDATE – Dr. Ryan Baggett

- Dr. Baggett provided an update on the activities, enrollments and initiatives of the EKU Graduate School.
- Please see the slide deck in Appendix A (*Pages 16 22*) for more information.

#### 2. GRADUATE FOCUSED PEDAGOGICAL PRESENTATIONS – Dr. Matt Sabin

- Dr. Sabin continued the discussion of graduate level pedagogical workshops in conjunction with the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity.
- Additionally, Dr. Sabin thanked Dr. Humphrey and Dr. Fatzinger for agreeing to collaborate on a mentoring presentation for graduate students.
- Finally, he requested that graduate council members take another look at the list of potential topics and strongly consider developing a presentation, collaborating with a colleague on a presentation or talking to another colleague about delivering a graduate focused presentation.

#### **POTENTIAL COURSE TOPICS** (Additional topics can definitely be added):

- Balancing Course Rigor and Student Mental Health
- Creating Inclusive Graduate Classes focus on diversity in graduate curriculum as well as creating welcoming environments
- Virtual Recruitment for Graduate Programs
- Developing Graduate Level Student Learning Outcomes
- Student Support and Mentorship in the Online Graduate Environment (Under development by Dr. Humphrey and Dr. Fatzinger)
- Preparing Graduate Students for Career Advancement
- Comparative Considerations of Undergraduate vs. Graduate Course Development
- Comparative Considerations of Undergraduate vs. Graduate Course Instruction





#### **ACTION ITEM FOR: GRADUATE COUNCIL**

Please take another look at the list of potential topics on the previous page and strongly consider developing a presentation, collaborating with a colleague on a presentation or talking to another colleague about delivering a graduate focused presentation.

### 3. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF GRADUATE (Program, Course, Student) EXPECTATIONS and the BALANCE OF RIGOR / MENTAL HEALTH

Dr. Matt Sabin

- Dr. Sabin continued the discussion of expectations of Graduate Programs, Courses and Students as well as the balance between program rigor and mental health. The focus of the discussion was the path forward in this area.
- As a result, the Graduate School will ensure that EKU mental health information has been disseminated to graduate students.
- Additionally, a subgroup will evaluate the existing Graduate Student Learning Outcomes (*Please see Appendix C of this document Pages 27 and 28*)
  - After the group evaluates the Learning Outcomes, they will be sent out for faculty comment to graduate programs.
  - o The following volunteers will serve on the Outcomes Review Group:
    - Dr. Julie Rutland
    - Dr. Eileen Shanahan
    - Dr. Olly Oakley
    - Dr. Matt Sabin
    - Dr. Ryan Baggett



#### ACTION ITEM FOR: GRADUATE SCHOOL

Evaluate materials and ensure that counseling services have been / are disseminated to all graduate students at EKU.



#### **ACTION ITEM FOR: OUTCOMES REVIEW GROUP**

Set time and date to begin the evaluation of the Graduate Student Learning Outcomes.

#### 4. VIRTUAL RECRUITING OVERVIEW – Mr. Chase Barnes

- Mr. Chase Barnes, Graduate Student in the Master of Public Health Program, Student Representative on the Graduate Council and the Graduate School Graduate Assistant delivered a presentation on graduate virtual recruitment. Chase discussed the items listed below.
- Dr. Rutland would like Chase to deliver a similar presentation to her department.

#### **Graduate Virtual Recruitment – Mr. Chase Barnes**

- Video Creation
  - Development, Recording, Publishing
- Virtual Information Sessions
  - (Open Houses) with Prospective Students
- Virtual Recruiting Fairs/Events
  - (hosted by a variety of entities)
- Possible "easier" access for interested individuals
- Ability for individualized discussions/interviewing over a variety of platforms allowing for virtual assessment on both ends

- What/who is the targeted audience?
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- How to best promote the event (ex. Social media channels, EKU Today, local Newspapers, etc.)?
- What is the communications plan?
- What faculty to include based upon event agenda?
- How to measure return on investment?



#### ACTION ITEM FOR: GRADUATE SCHOOL

Mr. Barnes and Dr. Rutland will identify a time/date for Chase to address her department on virtual recruiting.

#### 5. Other Items for the Good of the Order

• No other items noted for the Good of the Order.



#### I. JANUARY 2021 EKU GRADUATE COUNCIL DATES OF INTEREST

- January 8 Agenda Items Due By 4:30 pm to Kelly.Fox@eku.edu
- January 15 Executive Subcommittee Meeting 11:15 am Zoom
- January 22 Graduate Council Meeting 11:15 am Zoom

#### J. Meeting Adjournment (Dr. Matt Sabin, Chair)



**MOTION:** Motion to adjourn the November 2020 EKU Graduate Council

Meeting

#### **COUNCIL APPROVAL/VOTE: MEETING ADJOURNMENT**



Motion Made by: Dr. Eileen Shanahan Seconded by: Dr. Julie Rutland

Discussion: None

Committee Vote: The EKU Graduate Council stands adjourned with 15

votes in favor, 0 votes against and no abstentions.

#### ACTION ITEM FOR: Graduate School



Dr. Baggett will develop the meeting minutes for the meeting and send them to Dr. Sabin and Mrs. Fox for review. The minutes will then be sent to the Graduate Council Executive Subcommittee prior to their meeting for approval. The minutes will finally be shared with the graduate council for review one week prior to the general council meeting (on blackboard) and will be voted on during the general meeting. Following their approval, the final meeting minutes will be posted on the Graduate Council webpage with a copy on the GC Blackboard site.

#### **UPDATE:**

- ✓ Meeting Minutes Developed 6 December 2020
- ✓ Minutes sent to Sabin and Fox 6 December 2020
- ✓ Minutes sent to Graduate Council Executive Subcommittee **TBD**
- ✓ Minutes posted on GC Blackboard site for GC Review **TBD**

#### K. <u>DOCUMENTS/MATERIALS FOR THIS MEETING</u>:

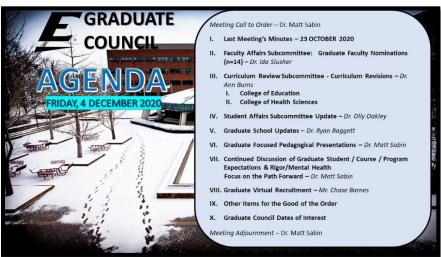
\*The official copies of all EKU Graduate Council documents are available on the Graduate Council Blackboard site.

- Friday, 4 December 2020 Graduate Council Agenda
- Friday, 23 October 2020 Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
- November Graduate Council Agenda Supporting Items:
  - 14 Graduate Faculty Nominations
  - College of Education Curriculum Changes
  - College of Health Sciences Curriculum Changes
- Presentation to Accompany the 4 December 2020 Graduate Council Meeting (Appendix A)
- 3MT Presentation Updated (Appendix B)
- Graduate Student Learning Outcomes from Graduate Catalog (Appendix C)



### APPENDIX A: PRESENTATION THAT ACCOMPANIED THE 4 DECEMBER 2020 GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING



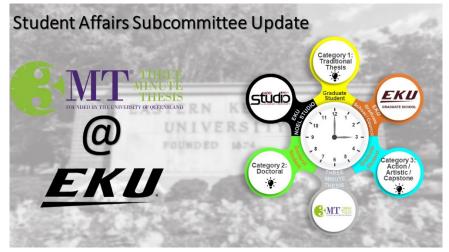






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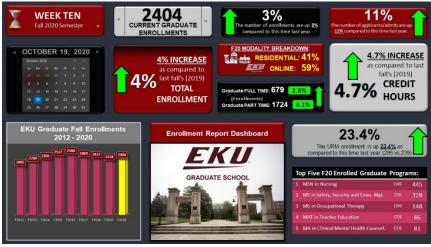
















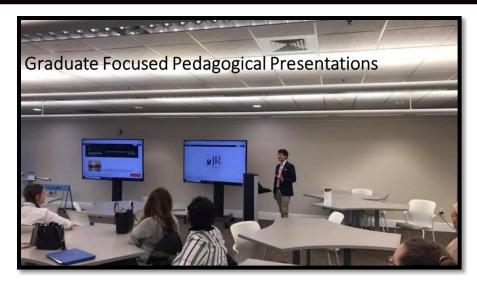


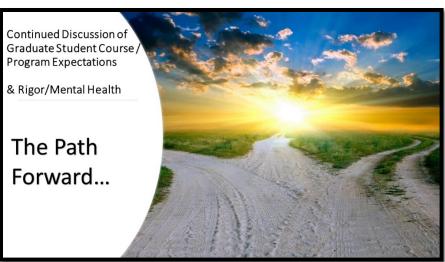












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Have a Wonderful, Safe Winter Break!

Get some rest!!

Thank you for your work during the fall 2020 semester!

Here's to a great 2021!



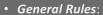


#### APPENDIX B: UPDATED 3MT PRESENTATION – DECEMBER 2020



#### What is 3MT?

- Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Annual competition
  - held at over 200 universities worldwide
- Participants present their research in just 180 seconds
  - Must be engaging ability for an audience with no background in the research area to understand content



- Three Minute Presentation
- One Static Slide No Animations
- No additional media sound/video files
- No Costumes or Props





#### Professional Skills / Opportunities from the 3MT @ EKU...

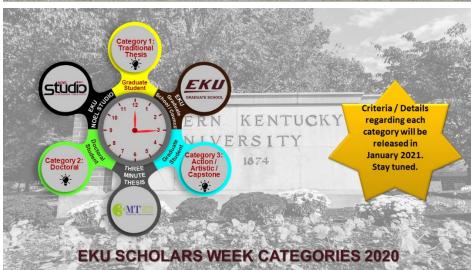
- · Public Speaking and Presentation Skills
  - clear, concise, jargon-free three-minute presentation
- Research Communication
  - communicate research (breadth and significance) to a non-specialist audience
- Research Perspective
  - distilling research and primary objectives into a three-minute general presentation
- Expansion of Professional Network
  - Share Your Work/Research with a wider Audience
- Resume Building
  - Juried Presentation, Portfolio Building Video
- · Research and Media Exposure

To showcase these skills in application documents, students can discuss their experience with 3MT in a Relevant Experience section or an Extra-Curricular section and highlight oral communication skills in their Summary of Qualifications. This is also an excellent experience to include on a LinkedIn profile.









#### Criteria / Eligibility – 3MT @ EKU **Category One: Category Two:** Category Three: Action, Criteria: **Doctoral Dissertation Traditional Thesis** Artistic, Capstone EKU Graduate Students (2<sup>nd</sup> Year EKU Graduate Students (2nd Year Eligibility: EKU Doctoral Students or Above) or Above) The project must include specific objectives or investigative questions, and a project design or plan for implementation There research must be at a stage must be data or information that Project where findings, was collected, analyzed and Requirements: preliminary conclusions, and findings reported broader impact can be discussed Preliminary conclusions must be drawn from project and broader impact discussed \$400 - First Place (Plaque) \$400 - First Place (Plaque) \$400 - First Place (Plaque) Awards: \$200 – Second Place (Certificate) \$200 - Second Place (Certificate) \$200 - Second Place (Certificate)

Eligibility











**EKU** Graduate Catalog

#### APPENDIX C: GRADUATE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### **EXCERPT FROM 39 OF THE 2020/2021 EKU GRADUATE CATALOG:**

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#### **Graduate Student Learning Outcomes**

The Graduate School has adopted a core set of Graduate Student Learning Outcomes common to all graduate programs offered at EKU. While individual courses might not incorporate all of these, programs are expected to demonstrate that they are contained in a graduate student's program of study.

When students graduate from EKU Graduate Programs, they will be informed, critical and creative thinkers who communicate effectively.

*Informed* thinkers demonstrate mastery of the significant ideas of, and skills and abilities demanded by, their discipline.

• SLO 1: Graduate students are able to explain, discuss, and apply clearly and accurately the key concepts and central theories, and demonstrate expertise appropriate to the discipline.

Critical and creative thinkers raise vital questions and problems with a clear and appropriate methodology; gather and assess relevant information in ways that distill accurate and appropriate meaning from abstract ideas; analyze assumptions through alternative systems of thought; and generate new knowledge or creative expressions through the self-reflective synthesis of problems, information, evaluation and analysis.

- SLO 2: Graduate students are able to formulate and express important/essential questions and issues related to the discipline with clarity and accuracy, and appropriate depth and breadth.
- SLO 3: Graduate students are able to identify, collect, analyze, and evaluate relevant information to understand essential questions and issues and to advance knowledge in the discipline.
- SLO 4: Graduate students are able to identify, analyze, and evaluate underlying assumptions of arguments, abstract ideas, and alternative perspectives and theories.
- SLO 5: Graduate students are able to generate new knowledge, application, or creative expressions through the self-reflective synthesis of information, evaluation, and analysis of critical questions or issues/problems related to their discipline.



*Effective communicators* illustrate and successfully defend their point of view, information, analysis, and conclusions, using oral, visual, and written methods, in ways that demonstrate clearly and logically the appropriateness of their conclusions and the implications thereof.

• SLO 6: Graduate students are able to communicate clearly and logically using oral, written, and/or artistic forms.



#### APPENDIX D: ICON AND COLOR DESIGNATIONS

ICON:	DESIGNATION:
	Action Item Stemming from the Meeting
VOTE	Council Vote Results
	Motion Made During the Meeting
	Subcommittee Comments/Requested Changes