

Graduate Council Winthrop University

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2009

I. Call to order

Kelly Richardson, Chair called to order the regular meeting of the **Graduate Council** at **2:05 p.m.** on **February 27, 2009** in **Thurmond 208**.

II. Roll call

Members Present: Kelly Richardson, Chair; Cara Peters, Don Rogers, Marshall Jones, Kristi Westover, Gale Teaster, Lauren Frisoli, Antje Mays, Dean Yvonne Murnane

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the January 23, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

IV. Old Business

a) **Graduate Faculty Status:** Cara Peters presented the Graduate Faculty Status revised guidelines, including the changes voted on at the January 23 meeting. After further discussion, the guidelines were approved for presentation to Graduate Faculty Assembly at the March 6, 2009 meeting. The proposed changes are as follows:

- 1) Hold highest earned degree in discipline. In some cases, experience and high production may substitute for the degree.
- 2) Have one year of graduate-level service to the institution to be a combination of teaching, scholarly research/contributions to the field, and service. * Graduate-level classes are defined as 600-level courses or 500-level courses with graduate students enrolled.
*Not necessarily in consecutive semesters; teaching could also constitute a wider set of pedagogical activities, such as managing theses or graduate-level research projects, participating in curriculum or course development, advising graduate students, or committee work; credit from previous institutions may be counted.
- 3) Submit a recommendation, including a statement or comments and a signature, from the department chair, dean of the appropriate college, and the Graduate Council.
- 4) Be in a tenure-track faculty position at Winthrop University.

When the graduate faculty member is up for post tenure review after the initial granting of graduate faculty status, the faculty member will submit documentation of continued teaching, research and contributions on the graduate level. This documentation will consist of completing a new application form to demonstrate continued engagement with graduate level teaching, research, and/or contributions to

the field. Note: Existing Winthrop faculty with graduate faculty status granted prior to August, 2008, will be grandfathered into the system.

- V. **Reports:** Dean Murnane reported that graduating students wearing incorrect attire to graduate commencement has been a problem in the past. A picture of the appropriate graduate student attire will be added to the website. The Graduate School hopes to obtain a gown(s) to loan to student(s) who cannot afford to purchase one.

Approval has been obtained for graduate students with a 4.0 GPA to wear a gold cord at graduation.

Laura Carpenter has been updating the Graduate School website, i.e. changes in personnel, etc.

VI. **New business**

Curriculum Proposals: MATH 509 and MATH 541 added to curriculum proposals-[Approved.]

Program Requirements With Thesis. The **Master of Arts degree in English** with thesis requires the completion of at least 36 hours of approved graduate-level courses including 6 semester hours of thesis. At least half the work presented for the degree must be 600 level courses.

[Approval granted after the number of hours in the required program is adjusted.]

Program Requirements Without Thesis. The **Master of Arts degree in English** without a thesis requires the completion of at least 36 hours of approved graduate-level courses. At least half the work presented for the degree must be 600-level courses.

[Approval granted after the number of hours in the required program is adjusted.]

Social Work Curriculum Proposals. [Approved Without Changes]

College of Business:

Modify: ACCT550 Change Catalog title **from: Advance Accounting Topics (3). To: Intermediate Accounting III (3).**

...Other Curriculum Proposals

[Approved Without Changes]

College of Education:

Modify: FACS502, PHED682, SPED582, and MED EDLD

[Approved with one abstention]

It was brought to the attention of the Council that the Board of Trustees was currently discussing the sports and physical education programs.

College of Education:

Modify MS PHED

[Approved in conception only because the course/program is currently before the Board of Trustees for approval.]

For complete curriculum proposals, see March 6, 2009 Graduate Faculty Assembly Minutes.

- a) **Graduate Faculty Status Nominations:** The following faculty were nominated for graduate faculty status:
Amy S. Gerald, PhD, Assistant Professor, English, CAS
Laura Gardner, PhD, Assistant Professor Fine Arts, CVPA
Stephen Gundersheim, MFA, Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance, CVPA
Stephanie Milling, PhD, Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance, CVPA
Tomoko Deguchi, PhD, Assistant Professor, Music, CVPA
- b) **Graduate Faculty Governance and Election:** Kristi Westover reported on the proposed Graduate Faculty Assembly protocol for electing the chair. Aim is to have it 'match' Faculty Conference. The proposed changes were discussed, as was the possibility of changing the meeting time of Graduate Faculty Assembly. Graduate Council voted to endorse the proposed wording from the Governance Review Committee.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **3:35 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Gale Teaster