

Graduate Council
April 26, 2016
208 Thurmond
Minutes

Graduate Council members present: Melissa Carsten – Chair, Marshall Jones, Lisa Harris, Kristen Wunderlich, Katherine Kinsey, Antje Mayes, and Jayne Maas.

Guests present: Greg Oakes, Robbie Hampton, Brian Hipp, Malayka Klimchak, Jack DeRochi, and April Hershey.

Melissa Carsten called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

- I. Announcements: Special thanks to Melissa and Marshall for serving on Graduate Council this year.

- II. Minutes from April 1, 2016 were approved and the final copy has been posted to the website.
<http://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/GCMinutesApr12016.pdf>

- III. Report from the Graduate Dean: Admissions data that includes both summer and fall shows that while applications are down by 50 from this same time last year, admissions is only down by 8, and enrollment is up by 10. This shows that the data is basically flat but there is a lot of time between now and fall. The radio campaign is on-going as well. The Graduate Studies scholarship fund that was established last year and offers scholarships based on merit and need saw its first awards for this next academic year. We received 40 applications for 4 awards of \$500. This shows that there is real need. The Graduate Dean's Council did the first deliberations for this round of awards. Going forward we will ask graduate faculty to serve on that committee as it is a great way to serve graduate students and see what their real need is. We hope to increase the awards to \$1000 next year. SC Graduate Education Week planning is underway as the dates are February 13-17, 2017. Graduate program directors have decided on events and we are still verifying space and time. A community impact event is in the works that will highlight the impact our graduate students have as they complete internship hours as part of their programs with local agencies and schools. Our "Friends" event with prospective donors is driven by our Advisory Board and will be repeated in 2017. Our spring Open House/Academic showcase will also be a part of the week activities. The kickoff event will be a panel discussion about why graduate education is important and is set for that Tuesday at 11 am. This is not a recruitment event but rather to raise the idea of the importance of graduate education in general. There is also talk of have Monday as "Teach in Your Regalia Day" as a way to get faculty across campus involved and get students engaged and asking questions about the graduate school experience. We are hoping to get the media to highlight the different events as

well. A day at the SC legislature is also being planned that would include President Mahony.

- IV. Old business:
 - a. We are 98% done with completing our Graduate Council priorities for AY 2015-2016.
 - i. The faculty governance website is up and running.
 - ii. GFA status renewals on Activity Insight: Brian Hipp gave a presentation on how the process has been added to AI. The original word document was added to AI and can be completed each year as necessary for renewal as part of annual reports. A report will pull information from Digital Measures. As faculty start to use this new function, the process will be tweaked to provide what faculty need. The deans and provost will have to approve once the process is finalized to replace the current one. For the first Graduate Council in fall, a formal proposal will need to be drafted to send forward to ALC. A special thanks to Brian for being able to help with this idea.

- V. New business: Malakya will be starting as graduate faculty representative to FCUP. While FCUP discusses mostly financial priorities they are all university priorities. Graduate Council would like to formally invite her to attend graduate council meetings to keep up to date and involve more faculty.

- VI. No curriculum to review.

- VII. Graduate Faculty Status Requests:
 - a. No new members
 - b. Renewals: Andrew Vorder Bruegge. Approved.

- VIII. Petitions: MEd in Educational Leadership student requesting 6 hours of out of date coursework towards degree completion. Committee approved.

- IX. Adjournment

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