

**Graduate Council**  
**January 20, 2017**  
**208 Thurmond**  
***Minutes***

Graduate Council members present: Jayne Maas, Candace Stenzel, William Anderson, Antje Mays, Kristen Wunderlich, Lisa Harris, Brad Witzel, Tracy Griggs, and Kelly Richardson.

Guests present: Jack DeRochi, April Hershey, Andrew Vorder Bruegge, Maria D'Agostino, Tim Drueke, Don Rogers, Keith Benson, Greg Oakes, and Janice Chism.

I. Announcements: None.

Approval of minutes from December 6, 2016. Approved and posted on website.

<http://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/GCMinutesDec62016.pdf>

II. Report from the Graduate School Dean: SC Graduate Education Week is February 13-17, 2017. Please refer to the handout for details. It is important to emphasize that staff are encouraged to participate in the Regalia Day event so as to make the event more visible and highlight the number of graduate degrees on campus outside of faculty. All events will be well advertised and there is a dedicated website for information on all of the public events. A special logo has been designed. Along with a lot of social media plugs, there will be table tents in Thomson and DiGS, as well as a competition during Regalia Day for students to take selfies with F/S in their gowns and post to social media. Faculty and staff are invited to join President Mahony in Thomson for lunch on Monday as well.

Tracy Griggs mentioned that a larger conversation regarding the barriers that students face when considering graduate education needs to be had. Return on investment is a definite concern for our current undergrads.

Kelly Richardson said that she was going to start the discussion with her students about the main differences between undergraduates and graduates as sometimes those lines are blurred when just looking at the curriculum.

Antje Mays asked for the number of our undergraduates that go on to pursue a PhD. Our numbers match the national average for a Liberal Arts, non-research I institution. While we cannot compete with the larger schools, there are changes in the market that are working to push changes in programs to match need.

Dean DeRochi went on to discuss his recent attendance at both the EAB and CGS conferences and provided data and information gleaned from both.

- 43% of students surveyed said that debt limits their ability to go to graduate school
- 40% of all school loan debt is from graduate school costs but that is only 15% of the total students
- 81% of job seekers are searching for employment in a category other than their own – they will hold over 20 different jobs in their lifetime
- These students are looking for constant pivots, enhancements, and employment protection in future jobs.

Certificates, badges, and even stackable certificates within existing programs are the rising ideas to drive enrollment and meet need. How do we professionalize our graduate courses? How do employers view badges?

III. Old Business:

- i. Digital Measures for Graduate status applications – on hold until decision is made by institution on DM contract.
- ii. 4+1 policy – forth coming at next GC meeting
- iii. Online Programs/Wiley Contract – negotiations are underway and a decision will be made in the next month. The programs upcoming are the Master of Arts in Arts Administration (MAAA), MBA, MSW, and the MEd in Special Education Intervention.

IV. New Business: None.

V. Curriculum

a. Course Action NOT Requiring GC Vote

- i. EDCI 636: Added goals for the course and removed prerequisites. Approved.
- ii. EDCI 637 – Removed prerequisites. Current course pre-requisites represent a scheduling order that no longer exists for every concentration of the degree. Approved.
- iii. MGMT 675 – modify – goals and terms are modified. Approved.
- iv. READ 605 – Removed prerequisites and co-requisites. Approved.
- v. READ 615 – Removed co-requisite. Approved.
- vi. READ 625 – Removed prerequisite. Approved.
- vii. READ 635 – Removed prerequisites and co-requisites. Approved.
- viii. READ 636 – Removed prerequisite. Approved.
- ix. READ 655 – Removed co-requisite. Approved.
- x. READ 665 – Removed prerequisites and co-requisites. Approved.
- xi. SPED 585 – Changed title, removed prerequisites and co-requisites. Approved.

b. Course Actions Requiring GC Vote

- i. ACCT 520 – New course for proposed new internal audit minor. Approved.
- ii. ACCT 525 – New course for proposed new internal audit minor. Approved.
- iii. ACCT 551 – change from 300 to 500 level course. Approved.
- iv. ARTS 536 – Removed prerequisite. Approved.
- v. ARTS 551 – Removed prerequisite. Approved.
- vi. ARTS 552 – Removed prerequisite. Approved.
- vii. ARTS 555 – Removed prerequisite. Approved.
- viii. ARTS 556 – Removed prerequisite. Approved.
- ix. ARTS 558 – updated title and removed prerequisite of junior status. Approved.
- x. BIOL 505 – catalog clean-up: added goals, updated pre-reqs. Approved.

- xi. BIOL 508 – catalog clean-up: added goals, updated pre-reqs, corrected lecture/lab hours. Approved.
- xii. BIOL 515 - catalog clean-up: added goals, updated pre-reqs, corrected lecture/lab hours. Approved.
- xiii. BIOL 529 – catalog clean-up: added lecture/lab hours, terms offered. Approved.
- xiv. BIOL 530 – catalog clean-up: updated pre-reqs. Approved.
- xv. EXSC 511 – Change of pre-requisites and co-requisites will allow for better course sequencing and reduce need for overrides. Approved.
- xvi. SOCL 503A – This course is already in existence, just not in the CAS according to the Registra. Approved.
- xvii. SOCL 503B – This course is already in existence, just not in the CAS according to the Registra. Approved.
- xviii. SOCL 507A – This course is already in existence, just not in the CAS according to the Registra. Approved.
- xix. SOCL 507B – This course is already in existence, just not in the CAS according to the Registra. Approved.
- c. Program Actions Requiring a GC Vote:
  - i. EDS-EDLD – modify – The EdS in Educational Leadership was originally approved as a 36-hour program. However, after meeting with Clemson to negotiate an articulation agreement for our curriculum content analysis, the decision to move to a 30 hr. degree program was deemed best for our students. Therefore, we are removing Practicum III (3) and Stats II (3) as noted on the attached and decreasing the degree program by 6 hrs. Approved.
  - ii. MS-BIOL – modify – Addition of an accelerated one-year BS to MS Option. This option was made possible by Winthrop’s recently changed policy allowing students to take up to 9 hours of coursework during their undergraduate programs which can also count toward a graduate degree program. Approved.

VI. Graduate Faculty Status Requests – none.

VII. Petitions

- a. MS Sport & Fitness Administration student on probation petitioning to take 3 more hours in Spring 2017.- Denied

VIII. Adjourned at 2:54 pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

March 31, Friday, 2:00 pm

April 25, Tuesday, 11:00 am

\*\* All meetings held in Thurmond 208