

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly

Agenda, April 19, 2024

(to immediately follow Faculty Conference)

Carroll Hall, Whitton Auditorium

Minutes

- I. Call to Order *at 3:50 PM, quorum present*
- II. Welcoming Remarks
Dustin Hoffman, Graduate Council Chair,
standing in for Tracy Griggs, Graduate Faculty Chair
 - Special thanks for their service for the past 2 years:
Dr. Hannah Richards, Secretary
Dr. Kent Miller, Parliamentarian
- III. Approval of [minutes](#) of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from February 23, 2023
Motion to approve and seconded. Unanimously approved.
- IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Sebastian van Delden
The provost did not present any news but noted appreciation of the GFA's work.
- V. Report from the Graduate Council
Dustin Hoffman,
Graduate Council Chair
 - **Policy modifications requiring a vote**
 - None at this time.
 - **Curriculum Action requiring vote by GFA**
 - **New Program**: Doctorate of Education in Learning, Leading, and Organizational Change
 - *The program is 51 hours and will be online.*
 - *It is to be decided how many and what kinds of faculty/administrators will need to be hired to support the program and where the funds will come from.*
 - *The cumulative final project will be a dissertation.*
 - *There is a motion to amend the program to rename to Doctorate of Leadership and Innovation.*
 - *Candidates would be expected to create an innovation change within an organization and/or the community in which they are exchanged through a multi-disciplinary approach. Including "innovation" in the title reflects the "innovation change" curriculum in the courses. This ED is not limited to K-12 and higher-ed focuses.*
 - *Other similar ED programs at other universities do not have "learning" in the title. No other programs in the world have the originally proposed name, and the originally proposed name is hard to remember – even for stakeholders of the program. CHE is encouraging institutions like ours to add professional doctoral programs.*
 - *This program has been proposed by an interdisciplinary team.*
 - *Name change was unanimously approved.*
 - *The program was unanimously approved.*
 - *This program is now moving to the Board of Trustees for approval.*

- **New Program**: Master of Music in Music with a Concentration in Conducting
- **New Program**: Master of Music in Music with a Concentration in Music Education
- **New Program**: Master of Music in Music with a Concentration Performance
 - *This is merging three separate programs together into a program with three different concentrations.*
 - *These three programs were unanimously approved.*
- **Modify Program**: Master of Liberal Arts in Liberal Arts—Political & Civil Engagement
- **Modify Program**: Master of Liberal Arts in Liberal Arts
 - *The credit hour modifications of these programs were unanimously approved.*
- **Review of other curriculum items approved by Graduate council *not requiring a vote by GFA* (see curriculum action system)**
 - 600-Level Curriculum Changes (See curriculum action system for details)
 - 500-Level Curriculum Changes (Sent forward to CUC; see curriculum action system for details)
- **Petitions** – 2 petitions reviewed since last meeting of GFA

VI. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School Jack DeRochi

- *Fall graduate program enrollment is expected to be up 2-5%.*
- *Thank you to those who participated in Graduate Student Appreciation Week.*
- *Online students have expressed that they do not feel connected to the University. An upcoming focus will be building community with nontraditional and online graduate students. Coffee, town halls, and a social will be a few ways this will be done. There was a recommendation to use already existing events to engage online students.*
- *Please get your graduate students to compete in the three-minute graduate showcase. Also, please attend this inspiring event.*

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

- ***Nominations for GFA Chair**
 - *Nominations: O. Jennifer Dixon-McKnight*
 - *This election was unanimously approved.*
- ***Nominations for GFA Rep to FCUP**
 - *Nominations: Alice McLaine and Tracy Griggs*
 - **Where 2 or more candidates are nominated, voting will take place via online ballot following the meeting. The ballot for GFA Rep to FCUP will be sent Monday morning.*
 - *Ballot results: Dr. Tracy Griggs was announced as the next GFA representative for FCUP on 5/3/2024 in an email from Dustin Hoffman.*

IX. Announcements

- **Reminder to Deans:** Please send an email to the Graduate School each year recommending your newest graduate faculty for inclusion in Graduate Faculty Assembly. [Current membership list](#) can be found online.

X. Adjournment *at 4:15 pm*