Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly Minutes for March 3, 2006

Dr Bird called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes for January 27, 2006.

Report from V for Academic Affairs: Dr. T. Moore

- The Study Group for Graduate Studies has submitted a report to Dr. Moore. This report has been shared with the President and Deans.
- He outlined tentative plans for the next steps as follows
 - Form two teams to address
 - Structure
 - Processes: how do the processes work from first contact to graduation
 - o Tasks of these teams will include making the structure follow the process; with plans to have something in place by July 1st.
 - o Thanks to the study group members for their hard work.
 - o Please send your thoughts to
- Noted that Dr. David Rankin is now Acting Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies.
- Noted that Sharon Johnson will be retiring and thank her for her service to the graduate office and Winthrop.

Report from Acting Associate VP. for Graduate Studies: Dr. D. Rankin

- New catalog is being constructed so he requested that everyone give careful proofreading to the copy prior to publication.
- Extra hours will be available from the registrar's office during the graduation crunch.
- He requested volunteers for graduation ceremony and reception; e
- We are making the transition for paper curriculum forms to the online version; almost finished.

Report from Graduate Council: Dr. J. Chism

Dr. Chism presented the following curricular items. Those requiring Assembly approval were approved via voice vote.

There being no unfinished business, new business, or announcements Dr. Bird adjourned the Assembly at 4:20 p.m.