

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
December 2, 2011
Dina's Place – DiGiorgio Campus Center

Minutes

- I. Call to Order – 3:22 Don Rogers
- II. Approval of minutes of Graduate Faculty Assembly from August 19, 2011
Approved and seconded
- III. Report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs Debra Boyd
Thanked graduate faculty for their work this semester
She remarked on the positive experiences described by graduate students this semester.
She will contact programs regarding such positive comments.
Announced that Dr. Pat Graham will stay on as Interim Dean of the Graduate School through the end of February and she will make an announcement about an internal search for the Dean of the Graduate School.
- IV. Report from Graduate Council Wanda Briggs
1. Faculty Status awarded to:
- i. Dr. Connie Hale (Music)
 - ii. Dr. Lorrie Crochet (Music)
2. Curriculum Action from Graduate Council (reported as information):
- Course modifications (reported as information):
- ENGL 695 (revision to thesis course requirements)
 - ENGL 696 (revision to thesis course requirements)
 - EDUC 660 (dropping pre-requisites)
- Program modification (requires approval):
- Master of Arts – History (per agenda attachment)
Changes to the program were to eliminate one course and adding another. The total number of hours for the program with and without a thesis is 33
Approved through vote
- V. Interim Dean's Report Pat Graham
Welcomed everyone to the end of the semester
Presented data on Fall 2011 Graduate Profile
847 applications
775 were complete applications
90% (698) were admitted
445 new students

We have an increased number of African –American graduate students
Presented enrollment per college with large percent increases in Business
Administration and Education
Presented information from where applications are coming. Largest number of
applicants comes from York County (SC) and NC counties surrounding and
including Mecklenburg.

Spring 2012 applications are 142 with 64 fully admitted at this point
Presented 2012 application per college and program across the university

Summer 2012 application are at 26 applications at this time

Fall 2012 applications stand at 46 with 2 fully admitted at this time

December commencement will include 127 August and December graduates
11 candidates completed a thesis
-She thanked faculty for their commitment and work to help guide candidates through
theses.

Dr. Graham reminded faculty that we are a major reason students come to Winthrop.
Any help we can provide in this process is appreciated. With such a competitive
market, we must establish a relationship with our potential applicants. Up until the last
day that the offices are open, please help us enroll as many qualified candidates as
possible.

You have received information on the changes in the GRE. These changes will need to
be reflected in your programs.

During December, Dr. Graham will not be available but will return in January. In the
meantime, Margaret Williamson will be the main contact person in the Graduate
School.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

Moved and seconded at 3:50.