

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
March 8, 2013
Immediately following Faculty Conference in Kinard Auditorium

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:56 pm by Stevie Chepko, who served as Chair *pro tem* on this date (for Sue Lyman, the current Chair of Graduate Faculty Assembly).

II. Welcoming Remarks

The Chair *pro tem*, Stevie Chepko, thanked Malayka Klimchak for serving as Parliamentarian, Ian Pearson for serving as Secretary, and faculty colleagues for attending the meeting.

III. Approval of minutes of Graduate Faculty Assembly from November 30, 2013.

The minutes were approved by motion, second, and unanimous consent.

IV. Report from Vice President of Academic Affairs

The Vice President for Academic Affairs, Debra Boyd, called attention to the need to develop a long term vision with guiding principles for graduate programs across the institution, pointing out that monetary support for graduate students is only part of the picture. She noted that Jack DeRochi, Dean of the Graduate School, will need faculty support and the faculty's "best ideas" to accomplish this task.

V. Report from the Graduate Council

The Chair of Graduate Council, Stevie Chepko, presented a table of policies on faculty assignment and/or remuneration for thesis advising. She also reported that the committee forwarded discussions about graduate assistantships for next year and a recommendation for policies for petitions.

The Chair reported that two faculty members received Graduate Faculty Status:

- Young-Won Her (CBA)
- Maria Clara Paulino (CAS)

The Chair reported that Graduate Council approved:

- Seven separate course actions
- (No program changes were submitted)
- One graduate petition was approved for an extension to the six year limit.

The Chair announced that Jennifer Jordan was elected the new Chair of Graduate Council for the 2013-2014 academic year.

VI. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

The Dean of the Graduate School, Jack DeRochi, presented tables detailing enrollment data for the Graduate School, including total enrollment and First-Time Degree Seeking Applicants for 2012-2013, and he noted that total enrollment increased slightly over the year.

The Dean listed, described, and explained events designed for Student Support and Engagement, including:

- Travel Scholarships
- Welcome Tour Reception Orientation
- Full Reception, Winthrop Galleries
- Spring Graduate School Family Day and Men's Basketball Game
- Celebration Reception for Graduate Students: Tuesday, April 30th

The Dean also updated and informed Graduate Faculty Assembly about various trends that are impacting the Graduate Program at Winthrop, including:

- Changes in State and Federal funding
- Changing perspectives:
 - Private good vs. public good
 - Student awareness: cost of degree vs. return on investment
 - Growing interest in professional development with a mix of skills from various institutions
 - Less traditional planning vs. traditional Masters to Ph.D.

VII. Unfinished Business (none)

VIII. New Business (none)

IX. Announcements (none)

X. The meeting adjourned at 3:21 pm.