

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Agenda, February 24, 2017, 2pm (combined with Fac Conference)
Kinard Hall Auditorium 018

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm. Quorum was met, business conducted as usual.

II. Welcoming Remarks

Melissa Carsten
Graduate Faculty Assembly Chair

Dean Jack DeRochi introduced two new members of the Graduate School Staff, Daniela Aguilar and Abigail Hardin.

III. Approval of minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from December 2, 2016
Please find the minutes at the bottom of this agenda.

The meeting minutes from the December 2, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Debra Boyd

Dr. Boyd thanked the graduate programs that were taking new market data and target audiences under review and making changes to their program. A question was asked from floor about who is the specific person who manages academic program review. Dr. Boyd replied that we do not have a specific program review person, however, we do have a process that involves two documents (see Faculty Manual) including a flowchart of work and a detailed analysis of the chain of command for program changes. For programs reviews for which there is no national accreditation, Winthrop brings in a local external reviewer. Information has to be shared and requires consultation from not just the people in the program but externally, as well.

V. Report from the Graduate Council

Lisa Harris
Graduate Council Chair

Dean DeRochi discussed the 4+1 programs and stated that many have worked on necessary revision language over the last month and will go in front of Graduate Council at the next meeting. WU is in financial and legal negotiation with Wylie and will have a final answer about the contract for graduate program delivery in the next week or two.

- Graduate Council 2015 - 2016 Priorities
 - Reviewed the work that was underway by GC this year. There were no new updates on priorities as work is ongoing.
- Curriculum Action required – please refer to the curriculum management system for justification and explanations.
 - EDS-EDLD – modify – Change program requirements in EdS in Educational Leadership from a 36 – hour program to a 30-hour program. Removes

required courses in Practicum III (3) and Stats II (3) to decrease the degree program by 6hrs.

- MS-BIOL – modify - Addition of an accelerated one-year BS to MS Option. This action was approved unanimously
- Review of curriculum items approved by Graduate Council that do not require a GFA vote and are being considered by CUC. – See end of the agenda
- Review of curriculum items approved at the college level that do not require a GFA vote – See end of the agenda

Curriculum was reviewed. No questions or comments from attendees.

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

Dean DeRochi thanked everyone who participated in Graduate Education Week. Plans are already underway for next year. Dean DeRochi shared some research provided by EAB to help explain the burdens graduate students are feeling related to debt, borrowing and the desire to seek graduate education. Overall, the take away is that potential students are looking for new professional opportunities but owing to the increasing burden of debt, they are seeking alternative programs or stacked credentials like certificates or badges. Many examples of these programs exist and they can be crafted from existing graduate program courses. These badges become part of the student's official transcript, do not require SACS or CHE approval (notification only). Tracy Griggs asked if the EAB data had revealed any local opportunities for Winthrop. Dean DeRochi responded that Allied Health and Analytics were the two areas that EAB had suggested.

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Announcements

Several elections will be held at the next meeting. Calls for nominations will be coming out shortly so keep an eye out for the email.

X. Adjournment

The GFA meeting adjourned at 4:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie J. Lawson

Curriculum Items that do not require a GFA vote

Curriculum items approved by Graduate Council that have been sent to CUC for consideration.

- ENGE 593 – new course, capstone course for English Education, taking place of EDUC 695 at the MAT level.
- SCST590 – updated description and goals.
- SCST 591 – updated description, goals, and pre-reqs.
- SCST 593 – new course, capstone course for Social Studies Education, taking place of EDUC 695 at the MAT level.
- ACCT520 – New course for proposed new internal audit minor.
- ACCT525 – New course for proposed new internal audit minor.
- ACCT551 – change from 300 to 500 level course
- ARTS536- Removed prerequisite.
- ARTS551- Removed prerequisite.
- ARTS552- Removed prerequisite.
- ARTS555- Removed prerequisite.
- ARTS556- Removed prerequisite.
- ARTS558- Updated title and removed prerequisite of junior status.
- BIOL505 – catalog clean-up: added goals, updated pre-reqs
- BIOL508 – catalog clean-up: added goals, updated pre-reqs, corrected lecture/lab hours
- BIOL515 - catalog clean-up: added goals, updated pre-reqs, corrected lecture/lab hours
- BIOL529 - catalog clean-up: added lecture/lab hours, terms offered
- BIOL530 - catalog clean-up: updated pre-reqs
- EXSC511 - Change of pre-requisites and co-requisites will allow for better course sequencing and reduce need for overrides.
- SOCL503A – This course is already in existence, just not in the CAS according to the Registrar.
- SOCL503B - This course is already in existence, just not in the CAS according to the Registrar.
- SOCL507A - This course is already in existence, just not in the CAS according to the Registrar.
- SOCL507B - This course is already in existence, just not in the CAS according to the Registrar.

Curriculum items approved at the college level.

- ACCT 610 – change in undergraduate pre-requisites
- EDCI636 - Added goals for the course and removed prerequisites.
- EDCI637 - Removed prerequisites. Current course pre-requisites represent a scheduling order that no longer exists for every concentration of the degree.
- MGMT675 – modify – goals and terms offered modified
- READ605 - Removed prerequisites and co-requisites.
- READ615 - Removed co-requisite.
- READ625 - Removed prerequisite.
- READ635 - Removed prerequisites and co-requisites.

- READ636 - Removed prerequisite.
- READ655 - Removed co-requisite.
- READ665 - Removed prerequisites and co-requisites.
- SPED585: Changed title, removed prerequisites and co-requisites.

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Minutes, December 2, 2016
3:30pm, Barnes Recital Hall

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm. A quorum was present.

II. Welcoming Remarks

Melissa Carsten
Graduate Faculty Assembly Chair

Dr. Carsten thanked everyone for attending.

III. Approval of minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from April 8, 2016

The minutes from the April 8, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Debra Boyd

Dr. Boyd talked about issues related to the online programs and the relationship with Wiley. She indicated that the university went through a long RFP process to look for a partner who could help get programs online. At this time we do not have sufficient infrastructure to do this on our own. The process is still ongoing; it has been a little slow because we want to make sure that we are doing due diligence in terms of what we know. It is a very important decision for the institution. Dr. Boyd emphasized that we do not have a contract yet; we will only move forward if the numbers indicate that it will be a good partnership. The university is interested in online programs that will attract students that we are not attracting otherwise. A critical piece is to operationalize the decision once we make it, which will entail a lot of support from programs. We will begin with a core, then add or change programs. However, we are trying to make sure that the best interests of both parties meet. This is a process the university is committed to, but we'd like to make sure that it works.

There were no questions from the audience.

V. Report from the Graduate Council

Lisa Harris
Graduate Council Chair

- Graduate Council 2015 - 2016 Priorities

Dr. Harris presented the priorities for the academic year: the 4+1 policy, which will be refined along with the development of all necessary forms, Digital Measures, and online programs (see slides).

Dr. Harris mentioned the faculty who were awarded or renewed GFA status and the graduate petitions that were approved (see slides).

- Curriculum Action required – please refer to the curriculum management system for justification and explanations.
 - MA-SPAN – drop program, declining enrollment and few resources (1 faculty member, no students since 2012-13).

The curriculum action to drop the MA-SPAN program passed unanimously.

- Review of curriculum items approved by Graduate Council that do not require a GFA vote and are being considered by CUC - see end of minutes.
- Review of curriculum items approved at the college level that do not require a GFA vote - see end of minutes.

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

Dr. DeRochi sent his report by email. He highlighted a couple of things in his report. First, the Graduate Education Week will take place February 13-17, 2017. Winthrop's events are the best in the state. He noted that the first day is Regalia Day. Dr. DeRochi encouraged all faculty and staff who hold graduate degrees to wear their academic regalia that day. We would like to encourage our students to think about graduate education. Another event, scheduled for February 14, 2017, is a panel discussion on why graduate education matters.

Dr. DeRochi shared some great news with the audience: the Graduate School will be able to award four \$1,000 scholarships based on merit and need in the next academic year. In addition, there is funding available to support student presentations at professional conferences, and to support travel to conduct research. All necessary forms are online.

There were no questions from the audience.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business.

IX. Announcements

Dr. Carsten announced the date for the next GFA meeting: February 24, 2017.

X. Adjournment

The GFA meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Adriana Cordis
Secretary