

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
April 19, 2022 11:00am Virtual Meeting

**Via Zoom**

Members present: Tracy Griggs, April Hershey, Eric Birgbauer, Nicholas Moellman, Larry Fisher, Tony Strange, Lisa Harris, Stephanie Lawson, Greg Oakes, Brantley Therrell, Siobhan Brownson, Gina Jones, Tim Drueke, Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, and Kori Bloomquist

- I. Announcements: Last Graduate Council meeting for the academic year. Many thanks to all committee members especially Tomoko, Siobhan, and Tracy who will be rolling off. Larry Fisher has accepted a position at Western Carolina University. TimD (Tim Drueke): Reminder of Graduate Commencement on May 5, 2022 at 7 pm in the Coliseum. GO (Greg Oakes): Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6 pm is the Graduates Celebration Reception in Richardson Ballroom. KB (Kori Bloomquist): will be on sabbatical for fall 2022. TimD will look at by-laws to see what it says about filling that vacancy since it is a GFA elected position.
- II. Approval of minutes March 8 2022. See the link below for minutes:  
<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/gcm-minutes-030822.pdf> – *Motion to approve: SB – (Siobhan Brownson), 2<sup>nd</sup>. JDM (Jennifer Dixon-McKnight). Approved.*
- III. Report from the Interim Graduate Dean, Greg Oakes – Special thanks to everyone that was involved in Graduate Education Week. All events were a great success. MFA Studio Tours are Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in Rutledge – meet in Main Gallery and will be lead to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor studio space. Enrollment report is good. We are ahead on enrollment despite being a little behind on applications and admissions. TG (Tracy Griggs): Are some programs increasing at a higher rate than others? GO: Katie was working on disaggregating the data to show by program so Greg hopes to continue the work and report on it later. By-laws change regarding membership is a good way to streamline the faculty getting approved as graduate faculty. TG: Where do we stand on the doctoral programs? GO: The suggestions were sent to the Provost so the next step is to recruit individuals to do some research on the programs and their feasibility. We are still waiting on the state assembly approving the change in the DPU designation. TimD: Proposed new classification is still going through the CHE process and is on their May 5th agenda. A lot of things must be approved and changed before we can move to the next step.
- IV. Old Business - none
- V. New Business
  - a. Seeking nominations for Graduate Council Chair for AY 22-23; LF (Larry Fisher) was Vice-Chair for this year but since he is leaving, he is not nominating himself. JDM (Jennifer Dixon-McKnight) was nominated for the Graduate Council Chair.

- b. Vote on Graduate Council chair for AY 22-23 - ***Motion to approve nomination and vote by acclimation - SB: Approved by voice vote.***
- c. Seeking nominations for GFA chair for 2-year term 22-24: JDM: Nominated Tracy Griggs. JDM: Will assist in the counting/collecting of votes. If any nominations come from the floor at GFA, we will create a Qualtrics ballot to send out.
- d. Probation Policy clarifying word change proposed by Graduate Dean's Council
  - i. Graduate probation policy will not apply to non-degree seeking students.
  - ii. Clarifies when a student is taken off probation (when the cumulative GPA rises to or above 3.0), versus when they are allowed to stay on probation. Clarify cohort student hours allowed. ***Motion to approve the Friendly amendment - SB: Approved by acclimation vote. Motion to approve full policy changes - SB: 2<sup>nd</sup> - LF. Approved by acclimation vote. Send to GFA for approval.***
- e. April Hershey has accepted a position at a company in Charlotte. Her last day in The Graduate School will be May 12. Thanks to her for just over 20 years of service to the institution, almost 9 of those as the Assistant to the Dean for the Graduate School and Secretary of Graduate Council.

VI. Curriculum action

- a. Please log in here and review these prior to the meeting: [Curriculum Action System](#)

**Program changes requiring a vote:**

*None.*

**Curriculum changes NOT requiring a vote:**

*Modify THTR697 Special Topics in Theatre  
Making THRT597 a 600-level course.*

**Curriculum changes requiring a vote:**

*Modify ACCT515 Advanced Data Analytics for Accounting  
Title Change from "Audit Analytics" to "Advanced Data Analytics for Accounting"  
**Justification:** Expanding the course content to include a wider array of data analytics methods and tools used by accountants and auditors. **Motion to approve: SB - 2<sup>nd</sup>: JDM. Approved.***

*Modify ACCT520 Internal Auditing and Fraud  
Adds "Fraud" to the course title and content.  
**Justification:** It has been difficult to offer ACCT 521 due to the number of accounting faculty. Additionally, ACCT 520 already covers some fraud issues. Thus, these courses combine well together.*

*Note: Graduate students will complete a more advanced project than undergraduate students.* SB: Discussion about how more detail is needed in the description of the “project.” JDM: This ambiguity may be because they do not know just yet what it might be. EB: We can approve it here but ask them to modify it. TG: Will make a note to have them add more detail. **Motion to approve: SB - 2<sup>nd</sup>: JDM. Approved.**

*Modify*            *CHEM526*     *526. Advanced Techniques in Biochemistry*  
Increases Lab hours from 6 to 8 and credit hours from 2 to 3.  
Removes co-req of CHEM 524  
*Justification:* The course action is needed to provide an alternate path for students who are unable to complete the CHEM551/552 course sequence or may not be interested in an in-depth research experience that the CHEM551/552 sequence offers, but do want to gain laboratory experience for a career in the sciences. **Motion to approve: SB - 2<sup>nd</sup>: LF. Approved.**

*Modify*            *CHEM570*     *Chemical Synthesis & Characterization*  
Changes name from “Chemical Synthesis” to “Chemical Synthesis & Characterization”, altering focus of course to include materials and inorganic synthesis.  
Increases lab hours from 6 to 8 and credit hours from 2 to 3.  
Modifies (removes) some goals for the course.  
*Justification:* To attract more students to the course. **Motion to approve: SB - 2<sup>nd</sup>: LF. Approved.**

*Modify*            *EDCO500*     *Topics in Teaching*  
Makes the course permanent.  
Also changes pre-req from “permission of instructor” to “Junior status.”  
GJ: Junior status is the minimum requirement and all 500-levels include “or graduate status.” **Motion to approve: SB - 2<sup>nd</sup>: JDM. Approved.**

*Modify*            *ENGL502*     *Topics in Global Literature*  
Changes name from Topics in Non-Western Literature to Topics in Global Literature.  
Course objectives written more generally to include subjects such as postcolonial literature, transatlantic and transnational literature, and related topics. The course description allows each instructor to design a course focused on a particular topic, such as Middle Eastern literatures, Afro-Caribbean Literature, or World Mythologies, thus providing a more varied course offering for students.  
*Justification:* Consistent with other institutions’ language and because of retirements and new hiring, reflects what we are likely to offer. **Motion to approve: LF - 2<sup>nd</sup>: JDM. Approved.**

*Modify*            *SCST590*     *Principles of Teaching Social Studies I*  
Changes the Pre-reqs from “Educational Studies minors or graduate standing in MAT program” to “Must be assigned one of the following

student attributes: Enrolled in Master of Arts in Teaching, OR Teacher Ed - Admitted, OR Teacher Ed- Provisional”

*Justification:* Stream[lin]ing registration process, and because they are eliminating SCST 390 which is no longer necessary since graduate and undergraduate students can take this course. **Motion to approve: SB - 2<sup>nd</sup>: JDM. Approved.**

*Modify SCST591 Principles of Teaching Social Studies II*  
 Changes language around pre-reqs from “Admission to MAT program and to Teacher Ed” to “Admission or provisional admission to Teacher Ed”  
*Justification:* Clearing up registration barriers **Motion to approve: SB - 2<sup>nd</sup>: JDM. Approved.**

- VII. Graduate Faculty Status Requests
  - a. None at this time.
  
- VIII. Graduate Petitions (only voting members receive these)
  - a. None at this time.
  
- IX. Adjournment – **JDM: Motion to adjourn.**

**Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:**  
<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-faculty-governance.aspx>

**Curriculum Action System Access** (click on as Graduate Council Chair)  
<https://apps.winthrop.edu/courseaction/login.aspx>

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