

GRADUATE COUNCIL
September 7, 2021 11:00am Virtual on Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Members present: Tracy Griggs, Katie Dykhuis, Larry Fisher, Wanda Ebright, Lisa Harris, Stephanie Lawson, Brantley Therrell, Day Able, Devann Gardner, April Hershey, Maria D’Agostino, Kori Bloomquist, Greg Oakes, Eric Birgbauer, Emily Deinert, Tomoko Deguchi, Siobhan Brownson, Tim Druke, and Jack DeRochi.

- I. Announcements: First three meetings of the year will be virtual for now. Will decide after the winter break if we can meet in person.
- II. Welcome and introductions - Brief introductions of each member.
- III. Orientation – Jennifer Dixon-McKnight and Nick Moelleman teach during the Tuesday meeting time so they will be sending in their reflections and votes.
- IV. Approval of minutes April 20, 2021. See the link below for minutes:
<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/gcm-minutes-042021.pdf> – **Siobhan Brownson (SB): move to approve, Tomoki Deguchi (TD): second. Approved.**
- V. Report from the Graduate Dean, Jack DeRochi (JD): New graduate enrollment for Fall 2021 is up again for degree-seeking = 1031. Sustainable online programs establishment and even on campus programs and our ability to serve these students is the reason why enrollment is up. Many admission requirements have changed due to COVID, such as getting rid of the GRE, has also helped. New online suite of programs is rolling out despite some bumps along the way (MS Nutrition and MEd Literacy). Special Ed licensure track may be in the works for the next suite. Tuition rates for the online programs are under review and will be brought forward for discussion and approval by the BOT. Graduate Faculty Status may become an administrative function so that it is linked to faculty credentialing when they are hired. Be communicators to your colleagues and students in your department. Be advocates for graduate education within your departments and divisions. Kori Bloomquist (KB) asked if there was discussion on an increase or decrease in tuition for online programs? JD: Decrease, but nothing is set in stone. There is a big difference between being new to the school vs. new to the market. We must price the program to maintain excellence but also sustain enrollment in a market.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Brief Update on GC digitalization:
 1. Review of the petition process; Attempts to streamline. Now found on Teams – Under “Files for Committee Review” in the General Graduate Council Team folder, click on “Files” on the top navigation bar, and the list of folders for each

meeting will populate. Prior to each meeting, all agendas, GFA applications and petitions will be in the corresponding folder. Any petitions for immediate review will be in the “Immediate Review” folder and then later moved to their corresponding meeting folder for documentation purposes. April Hershey (AH): There is work afoot to get the petition form digitized to include signatures and an automatic workflow based on Banner populated information. We hope that this new process will be rolled out no later than spring 2021.

2. Graduate Faculty applications move online to Teams Folder – same as the petition process.

VII. New Business

- a. Elect a Vice-Chair – Larry Fisher (LF): self-nominated. SB: Motion to close nominations and acclaim Larry Fisher as Vice Chair. Elected by acclamation.
- b. Establish Graduate Council priorities for AY 2021-2022: Tracy Griggs (TG) put forward the following priorities. Please send any ideas or additional points to her prior to the next meeting.
 1. Graduate Faculty Status changes
 2. QEP rep to speak on the new plan – Career Readiness; blend this with how to market our graduate programs more.

VIII. Curriculum action

- a. Please log in and review these prior to the meeting:
<https://www2.winthrop.edu/courseaction/>

Program changes requiring a vote:

None.

Curriculum changes NOT requiring a vote:

None.

Curriculum changes requiring a vote:

1. ***Modify ENTR579: Business Plan Development:*** Adds language to the course description to reflect that “accounting and financials” will be emphasized in the course. **Approved.**

IX. Graduate Faculty Status Requests

- a. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Strange, Program Director, Clinic Director and Certification Coordinator for Counseling, COE – **SB: Motion to approve. LF: 2nd. Approved.**
- b. Dr. Patricia Arter, Professor and Department Chair of Counseling and Leadership Studies, COE – **SB: Motion to approve. TD: 2nd. Approved.**
- c. Dr. Jessie Hoffman, Assistant Professor of Nutrition Sciences, CAS – **SB. Motion to approve. TD: 2nd. Approved.**

X. Graduate Petitions (only voting members receive these)

Approved over the summer by electronic-vote because of time-sensitivity:

- a. Petition 1: [resolved, summer 2021]. Student petition for readmission after dismissal was approved with the support of their advisor and program director.

- b. Petition 2: [resolved, summer 2021]. Student petition was approved *with modification*, (as suggested by their student advisor, graduate director, and Dean), to count 15 (rather than the requested 18) prior earned hours toward a second MBA in Finance.

Pending Petitions requiring a vote:

- c. Petition 3: Because the capstone project is now a paper instead of a thesis, student petitions to extend the 6-year time limit so that they can return and finish the MA in Arts Administration. The student has the support of their advisor. **SB: Motion approve. TD: 2nd. Approved.**
- d. Petition 4: Student petitions to extend the 6-year time limit on courses they took in a previous tenure at Winthrop in the old “educational technology” program. Specifically, they would like to use EDUC 650 and EDUC 651 from the old MED in C&I to substitute for LTEC 645 and LTEC 646, (respectively) in their current M.Ed. in Learning Technology. TG: Spoke with Marshall Jones. All of the content in the old classes is now in the new courses. The student has gotten the new content through the CofC certification courses. LF: With Marshall Jones’ approval, this meant a lot. **SB: Motion to approve. TD: 2nd. Approved.**

XI. Adjournment – 12:03 pm

2021-2022 Meeting Dates

September 7, Tuesday, 11:00 am: VIRTUAL
 October 22, Friday, 2:00 pm: VIRTUAL
 November 30, Tuesday, 11:00 am: VIRTUAL
 January 21, Friday, 2:00 pm: TBA
 March 8, Tuesday, 11:00 am: TBA
 April 19, Tuesday, 11:00 am: TBA

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>

2021-2022 Committee			
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Tony Strange, COE	strangea@winthrop.edu	Appointed (VPAA)	2024
Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, CAS	dmcknightoj@winthrop.edu	Appointed (CAS)	2023
Larry Fisher, COE	fisherl@winthrop.edu	Elected (COE)	2024
Siobhan Brownson, CAS	brownsons@winthrop.edu	Elected (CAS)	2022
Tomoko Deguchi, CVPA	deguchit@winthrop.edu	Elected (CVPA)	2022
Ex Officio, non-voting, and other invitees			

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