

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Winthrop University**  
**Friday, October 25, 2024**  
**Zoom**

Members present: Dustin Hoffman, Tim Druke, Charles Randle, Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, Greg Oakes, Sherry Hoyle, Jack DeRochi, Li Ai, Gina Jones, Stephanie Sutton, Jessie Hoffman, Brantley Therrell, Tracy Patterson, and Gabby Jacobsen

I. Announcements

II. Approval of minutes September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. See the link below for minutes: <https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-council-minutes.aspx>  
*Motion to approve: SH (Sherry Hoyle). Second: SS (Stephanie Sutton). Approved by acclimation.*

III. Report from the Graduate School Dean, Jack DeRochi  
*The Board of Trustee meetings over the past two days were the most positive that they have been in five years. Each subcommittee thanked all those who delivered reports on their areas.*

*Graduate enrollment is flat at 792/793. This ends three straight fall declines. The fact that enrollment is flat from last year shows that the floor has been raised and our normal graduate student portfolio should be around 850. CSDV online is a great success. EdD passed the first CHE hurdle.*

*The Graduate Studies office is working on two items that this council can assist with: continuing to push graduate education forward and fostering community with the students. Graduate Student Appreciation Week is April 7-13<sup>th</sup> – please consider adding the 3MGS to spring course syllabi as great professional development event.*

*GSO plans to launch a Graduate Student Newsletter in the spring to help build community and make sure students feel connected. Gabby is lead – will be reaching out ahead of time for program specific events, alumni notes, etc. Welcome any suggestions to improve in these areas. DH (Dustin Hoffman) noted that English or Writing Center GAs could be helpful to use.*

IV. Old Business

*This council may still be missing an appointed voting member – waiting for confirmation from Tim Druke.*

*The student members also need to be accounted for.*

- *Tim Druke did receive a nomination from CESHS for Anna Boddicker. She has been officially invited but Dustin may need to reach out.*
- *Student members are sent via Graduate Studies Dean.*
- *This year students are needed from CESHS and CVPA.*
- *Tracy Patterson has been asked for a nomination.*

V. New Business  
*CR (Charles Randle) noted that the minutes from last meeting are with the wrong academic year online.*

VI. Curriculum Action

**Curriculum Changes Requiring a Vote:**

**1. Inactivate Course:** ACCT 506

**2. Inactivate Course:** ACCT 525

**3. Inactivate Course:** ACCT 551

*Motion to approve: SS (Stephanie Sutton), CR second. Approved by acclimation*

**4. Inactivate Course:** ACCT 601

*Does not require vote*

**5. Edit Course:** NUTR 527

*Specification of graduate should be added*

*Motion to approve: SS, CR second.*

**6. Edit Course:** PSYC 614

*Does not need a vote.*

**7. New Course:** MATH 601

*Does not need a vote*

**8. Edit Program:** Mast of Ed in Spec Ed Intervention

*This needs to be rejected and resubmitted and wait till next time.*

**9. SPDD 562:**

**10. SPDD 586:**

**11. SCIE:**

**12. MLAN:**

*Motion to approve: SS. Second: SH (Sherry Hoyle). Approved by acclimation vote.*

VII. Graduate Petitions: None

*All petitions that have been coming through needed immediate attention and big thanks all voting members for acting so quickly.*

VIII. Adjournment

*Motion to approve: SS (Stephanie Sutton), CR second. Approved by acclimation*

**2024-2025 Meeting Dates**

September 10, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.: Tillman 308

October 25, Friday, 2:00 p.m.: Tillman 308

December 3, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.: Tillman 308

January 24, Friday, 2:00 p.m.: Tillman 308  
 March 11, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.: Tillman 308  
 April 15, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.: Tillman 308

**Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:**

<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-faculty-governance.aspx>

**CourseDog**

<https://app.coursedog.com/#/login>

<b>2024-2025 Committee</b>			
<b>Voting Members</b> <i>*The voting members of the Graduate Council also serve as the Graduate Petitions Committee.</i>			<b>Term Expires</b>
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Sherry Hoyle, COE	<a href="mailto:hoyles@winthrop.edu">hoyles@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected (COE)	2027
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Chris Ward	<a href="mailto:wardc@winthrop.edu">wardc@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected, GFA (from CUC), Ex Officio	2026
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