

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Winthrop University**  
**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**  
**Tillman 308**

Members present: Dustin Hoffman, Stephanie Sutton, Jessie Hoffman, Charles Randle, Jack DeRochi, Lisa Harris, Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, Gina Jones, Li Ai, Anna Boddicker, and Gabby Jacobsen.

I. Announcements

*Welcome to the newest member, Dr. Anna Boddicker. Student member from CVPA is Eric Johnson. And it looks like the final student from CESHHS has also been chosen. All council members are now accounted for.*

II. Approval of minutes October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. See the link below for minutes:

<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-council-minutes.aspx>

*Motion to approve: SS (Stephanie Sutton). Second: DH (Dustin Hoffman). Approved by acclimation.*

III. Report from the Graduate School Dean, Jack DeRochi

*DH offered thanks and congratulations to Jack for his years of service, leadership, and innovation.*

*JD (Jack DeRochi) has continued to meet with Sebastian about an interim appointment and what a search will look like. It will be an external search in order to cast a wide net, but it will not prevent internal applications. Adult education has also evolved so they need to work on a job description and will be talking to folks about the interim role.*

*Graduation is coming up on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. There are around 60 graduates at that ceremony. New enrollment is flat spring over spring, which tends towards an upward fall enrollment over 800.*

*Social Work will now have more competition now that USC's social work program is going online. But Chris Ward and Anthony Hill know that Winthrop students do better, get better placement, and there is still great confidence in that program.*

IV. Old Business

*LH (Lisa Harris) notes that CHE is being voted on this Thursday at 12:30pm.*

V. New Business

VI. Curriculum Action

**Curriculum Changes Requiring a Vote:**

- 1. Edit Course:** ARTA 685
- 2. Edit Course:** ARTA 686
- 3. Edit Course:** ARTA 696

**4. New Course: ARTA 697**

*600 level courses do not require a committee vote. They are included for information purposes.*

**5. New Course: ARTH 561**

**6. New Course: ARTS 561**

*Studio and arts history combined – had previously been offered as a special course and now making it more permanent. Positive from students and interacted more with community.*

*GJ (Gina Jones) questioned the prerequisites, use of a 500-level course, and whether sophomores would be in the same course as graduates.*

*SS understood that Tim Drueke noted it would be better to use 500 level for undergrad and grad courses rather than 300 and 600 stacked courses.*

*Sophomores will be in the same course as grads, but there will be another graduate component.*

*Motion to approve: CR (Charles Randle). Second: JH (Jessie Hoffman).  
Approved by acclimation.*

**7. Edit Course: CSCI 670**

**8. New Course: EDCO 591**

*Being offered as prep for the content area of the praxis exam. The course is one hour and only test prep, which applies to both undergrad and graduate. Rigor is dealt with in other MAT courses, but not this one.*

*Motion to approve: SS. Second: JH. Approved by acclimation.*

**VII. Graduate Petitions:**

**1. Petition 1**

*Approved by acclimation.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

**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**

<b>2024-2025 Committee</b>			
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