

College of Arts and Sciences
Graduate Faculty Committee Agenda

September 12, 2025

4:00 pm

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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Officers – Julie Orme
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from August 19, 2025 – [Appendix A](#)
- III. Curriculum Proposals or Modifications if any
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Graduate Director's Remarks — Dr. Gregory Oakes remarks

Appendix A

College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Faculty Committee Minutes

August 19, 2025

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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Officers – Julie Orme – Quorum was met.
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 10:48am. Julie Orme introduced herself as the new chair. Additional new committee members include – Ashley Garrick, Department of Social Work, Associate Practicum Director as Secretary and Evan Dewy, Department of Biology, Professor as Parliamentarian
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from March 7, 2025 – Appendix A
 - a. Minutes were approved (see attached)
- III. Curriculum Proposals or Modifications if any from April 15, 2025 meeting -Appendix B
 - a. None
- IV. Graduate Program Updates
 - a. Proposal to amend language in Social Work Practicum Office to change the word “field” to “practicum” to align with Council on Social Work Education. All were in favor, no opposition
 - b. Julie is open to feedback on suggestions and changes for the committee as needed and can be reached at ormej@winthrop.edu or 124 Bancroft Hall
- V. New Business
 - a. None
- VI. Old Business
 - a. None

VII. Graduate Director's Remarks — Dr. Gregory Oakes remarks

- a. Dr. Oakes issued a thank you to all graduate faculty for their contributions.
- b. Dr. Oakes thanked Chris Ward, former Graduate Program Director- Department of Social Work and Dustin Hoffman, former Director of Graduate Studies in English for their work during their time at Winthrop.
- i. Kelly Richardson has assumed the role of Director of Graduate Studies in English. A replacement for Chris Ward has not been identified at the moment.
- c. Special thanks were given to Dr. Anthony Hill, Shira Culbreath, Nikole Kidd Ashley Garrick, Joy Yousefian, and Christine Mason in the Department of Social Work for their support with the Limestone student transfers.
- d. Enrollment is up university wide by 9.7%, total 460 Fall 2025
- e. There is a reception tonight to welcome all graduate students in Richardson Ballroom from 6-7pm, food will be provided.
- f. Announcements
- i. Dr. Kori Bloomquist shared that the Title IV E Child Welfare Scholars Program - a partnership with the SC Department of Social Services - is continuing. Students employed with DSS receive tuition assistance to earn an MSW degree. Out of 15 allotted slots, Winthrop's Department of Social Work has 14 new scholars. Final numbers are likely to be 12 or 13 scholars.
- 1. Kudos to Dr. Bloomquist!

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:58am.