College of Arts and Sciences
Graduate Faculty Committee Minutes

October 23, 2026
3:05 pm

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I. Welcome & Introduction of Officers – Amanda Hiner, Chair

   a. Motion to continue in the absence of a quorum – Approved

   b. Recognition of Secretary – Karin Evans;

   c. Recognition of Parliamentarian – Audrey Sejuit

II. Approval of meeting minutes from Sept 11, 2026 – Appendix A

   a. One correction to Sept 11, 2026 minutes, change Gabby Bissonett to Gabby Jacobsen

   b. Minutes approved unanimously

III. Curriculum Proposals or Modifications – None

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business - None

VI. CAS Graduate Director's Remarks – Dr. M. Gregory Oakes

   a. Reviewed Hunter Huggins graduate school fairs – Has made 117 contacts with a total of 36 connections; Upcoming graduate school related events through December 2027

   b. Recognition to Dr. Oakes for his service to the Graduate school -

VII. Announcements

a. Winthrop Interdisciplinary Migration Conference

i. Feb. 25 – 27, 2027

ii. Proposals due November 1, 2026

b. Other announcements? None

VIII. Adjournment @ 3:12 PM

Note: Quorum is 35% of full-time graduate faculty. The minimum attendance to do business is 20% of full-time graduate faculty.

Appendix A

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September 11, 2026
4:00 pm

Kinard 018

I. Welcome & Introduction of Officers – Amanda Hiner, Chair

a. Meeting called to order at 3:35 PM

b. Graduate Faculty Committee Secretary – Karin Evans

c. Graduate Faculty Committee Parliamentarian – Aubrey Sejuit

II. Approval of meeting minutes from March 6, 2026 – Appendix A

a. There were no changes or corrections to the March 6, 2026 minutes,

minutes were approved unanimously

III. Curriculum Proposals or Modifications – Appendix B

a. BIOL 672 (Graduate Research in Biology)– provides additional experience beyond BIOL 671 – Approved)

b. BIOL 620 (Supervised Lab Instruction) – provides additional experience – Approved

c. WRIT 502 – (Digital English Studies) – updated course – Approved

d. Blanket Petitions – BIOL 571 and BIOL 695

IV. Old Business

a. None

V. New Business

a. None

VI. CAS Graduate Director's Remarks – Dr. M. Gregory Oakes

a. Graduate Enrollments are slightly down from last year; most likely due to last year's increase from Limestone students matriculating into WU (MSW in particular).

b. Kelly Richardson asked about specific English Courses – Greg clarified numbers are included in the ENGA, CRWR, ENGL designators

c. Graduate school Open House will be moved to Spring instead of Fall

d. Hunter Huggins will be visiting schools (n=20) to assist with graduate student recruitment – schedule presented for school visitations from 9/3/26-11/18/2026

e. Greg to meet with Grad Program directors next week – encouraged to contact him to set up time/date

f. Inquiry about Gabby Bissonette position – looking to hire in mid-Oct/November; position description to change for new hire

VII. Announcements

a. Dr. Hiner encouraged participation in Migration Convention

b. Encourage students to participate in Santee Cooper visit to campus

c. Dr. Blair encouraged graduate student participation in SOURCE

VIII. Meeting adjourned 3:45 PM

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