

CAS Faculty Assembly Meeting

October 24, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Kinard Auditorium 018

Minutes

- I. Welcome – *Casey Cothran*
 - a. Called to Order at 2:01 with quorum, 22 online and 47 in person
 - b. Secretary: Heather Listhartke and Parliamentarian: Tom Polaski
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2025, meeting ([Appendix A](#))
 - a. Approved
- III. WinthropLIFE – *Program Director, Ryan Morrison*
 - a. Is an inclusive post-secondary program dedicated to support students with intellectual disabilities to become independent contributors to the community.
 - b. Promoting lifelong learning and personal enrichment.
 - c. Life students audit the courses they take. You can grade- on effort and attendance, but it won't matter.
 - d. If there are behavior problems, let Ryan Morrison know. morrisonr@winthrop.edu
 - e. There is a GA and student mentors—all paid,
 - f. Greenhouses and Gardens called LIFE farms. Students get paid for working and contributing to the community. They sold flowers—may still have some left, and going forward expanding.
- IV. CAS Committees
 - a. CAS Curriculum Committee – *Tom Polaski*
 - i. Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2025, meeting ([Appendix B](#))
 - ii. New Programs- approved
 1. B.S. Health Sciences
 - iii. Program Edits- all approved
 1. Bachelor of Arts in IDVS
 2. Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations and Advertising
 3. Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition (Dietetics)
 4. Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition (Health Promotion)- program elimination
 - iv. Changes to Minor- approved
 1. Minor in Digital Media and Communication- rename from MCOM minor
 2. Minor in Human Nutrition- numbers changes
 - v. New Courses- all approved

1. Biol 423: Developmental Biology
 2. HSCI 101, 223, 227, 300, 380, 406, 428, 490, 494
 3. IDVS 300:
- vi. Course Modifications- all approved
 1. Biol 322
 2. Nutr 380
 3. Nutr 428
 - vii. Blanket Petition
 1. Count WRIT 200 in both Writing minors
 - viii. Next meeting December 9th, materials submitted by the week previously
- b. Faculty Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics – *Devon Fitzgerald, Kori Bloomquist, and Christian Gratten*
 - i. There's a new harassment policy that is to protect students against harassment based on gambling bets.
 - ii. Faculty supporting students—attend events for students in class, if there's a connection to get your classes involved, Very impactful professor (VIP) award for professors,
 1. Nov 3- 8 AM mens BB game on ESPN--Monday
 2. Jan 14- Academic Success Night
- V. Program Director policy revision- Greg Oakes
- a. To create consistency, clarity about the Academic Program Director positions as it relates to the college
 - b. ALC revised the policy in Spring/Summer 2025
 - c. Colleges draft their own policy, consult with chairs, finalize policy, and notify faculty assembly to share results
 - d. Institutional policy is in the policy repository
 - i. Appt procedure, core roles and responsibilities
 - ii. Sets standard of 3 hrs reassigned time/year
 - iii. Acknowledges variety of roles based on disciplinary or pedagogical specifics and potential impact on appropriate compensation
 - iv. Called on colleges to establish college-level specifics of roles, responsibilities
 - e. Cas policy is in the faculty handbook and the chairs handbook
 - i. Identifies roles and responsibilities for CAS director appts
 - ii. Identifies factors that influence the substance of the position and the appropriate compensation

iii. if position changes significantly, compensation to be reviewed and adjusted appropriately.

VI. Old Business -none

VII. New Business-none

VIII. Remarks from the Dean – Takita Sumter

- a. There is a new staff emeritus policies are in the works, and likely those first ones will happen in the spring.
- b. Memorial for Guy Reel on Nov 15 11-1
- c. New Encore Distinguished Lecture series on Nov 13 @ 7:30 with Brett Woodfill and a Mass Comm alum
- d. Travel Deadline- Nov 15th is next date
- e. Budget update- Winthrop is in good budget shape with budget and the 2.85 million surplus-half will go to the reserve, and the other will split between the president's contingency, and the rest will be refunneled back to funding previous cuts
- f. Cas Holiday Party- December 9th
- g. Thompson Scholar Award- Jan 17th
- h. Spring Graduation is May 9th for BOTH graduate and undergraduate (due to lower numbers of graduates right now)
- i. Enrollment-We're almost back up to older levels on enrollment numbers for the college.
- j. Kudos
 - i. Publication by Hubbard, Katherine about COVID 19 Booster information seeking
 - ii. Sara English selected for Fred Rodgers Fellowship, held 6 professional presentations
 - iii. Julie Orme, Educator of the year, and publication
 - iv. Monique Constance Huggins publication
 - v. Anthony Hill- elected to board of directors for National Association of SW
 - vi. Ashley Garrick- completed MBA and elected president elect to NASW-SC board of directors
 - vii. Mariah Yousefian, JaShanti Davis, and Jerry Wickerson elected as representatives to the Board of Directors
 - viii. Shira Culbreath Grad director
 - ix. Aubrey Sejuir- 2 publications and work with Veterans, and award for "Women of Influence" from Columbia Regional Business
 - x. Jennifer Dixon McKnight's book is out- We Paved the Way
 - xi. Margaret Gillikin and Williams co published book chapter
 - xii. Margaret Gillikin published 3 papers

- xiii. AJ gained her doctorate
- xiv. Casey Cothran publication
- xv. Amanda Hiner published
- xvi. Dr. Sikels completed advanced DEI certification
- xvii. Ida Oesteraas published
- xviii. Tony Hobert 6 student submitted abstracts and were accepted for conference presentation
- xix. Adolphus Belk coauthored book was included in classics collection
- xx. Elizabeth Weikel finishing Cahir as term—this is the second term she served
- xxi. Stephanie Nielsen 50% students sat for, passed and have full time positions
- xxii. Jessie Hoffan president elect of state chapter for nutrition and dietetics
- xxiii. Hope Lima- publications 2 chapters, a book, and spoke at 5 conferences including an international conference
- xxiv. Kathryn Cole published in Genes
- xxv. Frost and Westover published genome sequences
- xxvi. Chenjowski published and award for new equipment with Timea Fernandez
- xxvii. Brasington published
- xxviii. Wozniak made advising site for health professionals and helped create new partnerships for internships
- xxix. Jennifer Schafer took students to a presentation
- xxx. Sal Blair put a new publication on fish species

IX. Announcements

- a. Next faculty assembly meeting January 16, 2pm Kinard 018, items by January 9, presentation by the 14th
- b. Future meeting March 6th
- c. Medieval Studies Wednesday “Things that go Bump in the Night” approved cultural event 7:30 in Kinard 018
- d. Faculty Learning Talk about AI solutions in First Thursday of month Common Time in Digs 220
- e. Colloquium Nov 10th
- f. South Carolina Nov 18th 5pm in Owens G01 Teachers and Immigration
- g. Winthrop Magazine is out-neat stories and things about CAS happenings
- h. SCWK race happening tomorrow- in today’s daily digest

X. Adjournment

- a. Motioned, second, adjourned at 3:31pm

Note: Quorum (35% of full-time faculty) is 47 faculty members for Faculty Assembly.

The minimum attendance to do business (20% of full-time faculty) is 26 faculty members.

