I. **Approval of minutes** from January 13, 2017 .......................... Wendy Sellers
   i. See [appendix 1](#)

II. **Report from CAS Committees**
   a. **Curriculum committee** ...................................................... Jo Koster
      i. See [appendix 2](#)
   b. **Nominating & Rules committee** .......................... Dustin Hoffman
      i. 2017-18 committee elections (*Voting will be done electronically via a Qualtrics survey. The survey link will be sent to your Winthrop email account by 5pm on Friday, March 3, and the survey will close at 5pm on Monday, March 6.*)

III. **Old Business**

IV. **New Business**

V. **Announcements**
   a. Bachelor of Professional Studies and Prior Learning Assessment .......................... M. Gregory Oakes
   b. Activity Insight & faculty annual reporting update .......................... Karen M. Kedrowski

VI. **Dean’s Remarks** ................................................................. Karen M. Kedrowski

VII. **Adjournment**

**Note:** Quorum (35% of full-time faculty) is 40 faculty members. The minimum attendance to do business (20% of full-time faculty) is 28 faculty members.
I. Approval of minutes.................................................................Wendy Sellers
The minutes of the October 21\textsuperscript{st} meeting were approved with no corrections.

II. Introductory Remarks
There were no introductory remarks.

III. Curriculum Committee Report........................................... Jo Koster
a. The following curriculum actions not being addressed:
   \begin{itemize}
   \item[i.] Modify course: BIOL 404, Animal-Plant Interactions.
   \item[ii.] Modify course: BIOL 440, Readings in Biology.
   \item[iii.] Modify course: BIOL 450H, Honors: Selected Topics in Biology.
   \item[iv.] Modify course: BIOL 471, Undergraduate Research in Biology.
   \item[v.] Modify course: BIOL 505, Primate Biology.
   \item[vi.] Modify course: BIOL 508, Invertebrate Biology.
   \item[vii.] Modify course: BIOL 515, Environmental Biology.
   \item[viii.] Modify course: BIOL 529, Stem Cell Biology.
   \item[ix.] Modify course: BIOL 530, Current Methods in Microscopy
   \end{itemize}

b. The following are actions from December 6\textsuperscript{th}
Department of Biology
   \begin{itemize}
   \item[i.] Modify course: BIOL 203H, Principles of Biology Laboratory.
   \item[ii.] Modify course: BIOL 204H, Principles of Biology.
   \item[iii.] Modify course: BIOL 205, General Botany.
   \item[iv.] Modify course: BIOL 205H, General Botany.
   \item[v.] Modify course: BIOL 206, General Zoology.
   \item[vi.] Modify course: BIOL 206H, General Zoology.
   \item[vii.] Modify course: BIOL 307, Human Anatomy.
   \item[viii.] Modify course: BIOL 308, Human Physiology.
   \item[ix.] Modify course: BIOL 310, Microbiology.*
   \item[x.] Modify course: BIOL 317, Genetics.
   \item[xi.] Modify course: BIOL 321, Microscopic Anatomy.
   \item[xii.] Modify course: BIOL 322, Developmental Biology.
   \item[xiii.] Add course: SCIE 390, Introduction to Teaching Science.
   \item[xiv.] Modify course: SCIE 393, Seminar in Secondary Science Education
   \item[xv.] Add course: SCIE 590, Introduction to Teaching Science.
   \item[xvi.] Add course: SCIE 593, Seminar in Secondary Science Education.
   \item[xvii.] Add course: SCIE 390, Introduction to Teaching Science.
   \item[xviii.] Modify course: SCIE 393, Seminar in Secondary Science Education.
   \item[xix.] Add course: SCIE 590, Introduction to Teaching Science.
   \item[xx.] Add course: SCIE 593, Seminar in Secondary Science Education.
   \end{itemize}

Department of Mass Communication
   \begin{itemize}
   \item[i.] Modify course: MCOM 301, Mass Communication Theory and Research.
   \item[ii.] Modify course: MCOM 349, Advertising Copy and Layout.
   \item[iii.] Modify course: MCOM 464, Mass Communication Practicum.
   \end{itemize}

Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies
   \begin{itemize}
   \item[i.] Modify course: PHIL 301, Ancient Greek Philosophy.
   \end{itemize}
ii. **Modify course**: PHIL 302, Modern Philosophy.

Department of Psychology
i. **Add course**: PSYC 470, Undergraduate Research in Psychology.

Department of Sociology & Anthropology
i. **Modify course**: ANTH 341, Urban Ethnography.
i. **Add course**: SOCL 503A, Service Learning in Sociology.
i. **Add course**: SOCL 503B, Service Learning in Sociology.
i. **Add course**: SOCL 507A, Service Learning in Criminology.
v. **Add course**: SOCL 507B, Service Learning in Criminology.

Department of World Languages & Cultures
i. **Add course**: MLAN 393, Seminar in Modern Language Education.
i. **Add course**: MLAN 593, Seminar in Modern Language Education

Department of Biology
i. **Modify program**: BS-BIOL-CSST
ii. **Modify program**: MS-BIOL

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
i. **Modify program**: Minor-AAMS
ii. **Modify program**: Minor-LGST

Department of World Languages & Cultures
i. **Modify program**: BA-MLAN-FREN
ii. **Modify program**: BA-MLAN-CSFR
iii. **Modify program**: BA-MLAN-SPAN
iv. **Modify program**: BA-MLAN-CSSP

c. The following are blanket petitions, December 6th:

Department of Biology
i. **For the BS in Biology** (all concentrations), in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow BIOL 540 *Human Ecology* to count toward the major requirements – either to satisfy Area A of the biology curriculum, or to count as a biology elective in Area C.
ii. **For the BS in Biology** (all concentrations), in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow BIOL 316X and BIOL 316 to count toward the major requirements – either to satisfy Area B of the biology curriculum, or to count as a biology elective in Area C.

Department of Human Nutrition
i. For the BS in Human Nutrition, in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, add ACCT 280 and HLTH 300 to the list of DPD elective courses.

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
ii. **For the BS in ENSC, the BA in ENST, and the minor in SUST**, in all catalogs, allow SOCL 350 *Animals & Society* to count as an elective toward the major/minor requirements.

Department of Mass Communication
i. **For the BA in MCOM and the BS in IMC**, in all catalogs, waive the requirement that students take 72 hours in liberal arts & sciences. This requirement is not part of the actual catalog, but is currently showing up in DegreeWorks.

Department of English
i. **For the BA in ENGL**, in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow students to count ENGL 308 up to three times for credit toward graduation in the major. (This item was approved on 12/21 after the regular committee meeting.)
ii. One student petition was denied.

**IV. Old Business** There was no old business

**V. New Business** There was no new business
VI. Dean’s Remarks ......................................................... Karen M. Kedrowski

a. The dean announced good news:

i. Shout out to departments that hosted election season events. Six departments in the Arts and Sciences hosted cultural events.

ii. Shout out to Mass Communication Department for hosting the Native American Film festival.

iii. Shout out to Dr. Matt Fike who is celebrating the release of his fourth book.

iv. Winthrop University graduate Chisa Johnson Putman was nominated to be a York County Magistrate Judge, making her the second black female to hold this position.

v. Shout out to students in Department of Human Nutrition for conducting a survey on food insecurity. The final report is forthcoming. This report will yield important information because hunger deters learning.

vi. Melford Wilson is celebrating 50 years of service to Winthrop University. Among other things he is known for heading the International Center, he served as Provost, and he chaired the Political Science department, as well as his involvement in Model U.N.

vii. The Human Nutrition department is celebrating its centennial.

b. Reminder: The travel deadline is January 31st.

c. Nominate people for the Scholarly Excellence Award. You may also self-nominate.

d. There are nine searches in the College. Searches are now run electronically. The applicant data form is being distributed as a Qualtrics survey, which is yielding interesting data about which publications people read when searching for jobs. Committee members are also building a repository, using BlackBoard.

e. The College is working on the strategic initiative for diversity, which focuses on recruitment and retention of diverse faculty. One member of the diversity committee serves on each search committee. Their role is to make sure that any candidate that would add diversity to a department receives fair and equitable treatment. Additionally, the Dean encouraged faculty to consider ways to create a welcoming environment for underrepresented groups in order to improve retention. Our next round of hiring will begin in the spring.

f. Annual report comments are coming. The Dean thanked Dr. Robert Prickett and Dr. Greg Oakes for their service.

g. Graduate Education Week is the week of February 13th. Anyone with a graduate degree is encouraged to wear regalia on February 13th.

h. Faculty members need to be very careful about how they interact with students with disabilities. South Carolina codes state that when one person is involved in a conversation that it is not illegal to record the conversation, which implies an affirmative right. The question at stake is whether students should be able to record activities in the classroom without an authorizing letter from the Office of Accessibility and whether doing so violates privacy and intellectual property rights, among other things. One cautionary note: If a faculty member refuses to comply with the letter from the Office of Accessibility the institution’s liability insurance does not cover the faculty member in that instance. Violations of the letter could place faculty at risk. On the other hand, if faculty members provide an accommodation not specified by the letter, they are acting as an agent of the University and the University must assume that the student has a disability – even without documentation. As a result, students have the right to expect that same accommodation from other faculty.

i. Three colleges, including the College of Arts and Sciences, are reconsidering their contracts with Activity Insight. A working group examined several other alternatives, which vary in cost. Recommendations from the group have gone forward to Academic Affairs and the Provost is expected to make a decision by the end of January. If the College renews its contract with Activity Insight then efforts will be made to make the software more user-friendly and allow each college to make customized reports. There has also been a request among the chairs to bring back the short-form report.

2:40 Adjournment
1. Course change proposals – all were approved on 2/21.

a. Department of Biology
   i. **Modify course**: BIOL 315, Cell Biology
   ii. **New course**: BIOL 316, Principles of Human Genetics
   iii. **Modify course**: BIOL 403, Ecology
   iv. **Modify course**: BIOL 404, Animal-Plant Interactions
   v. **Modify course**: BIOL 440, Readings in Biology
   vi. **Modify course**: BIOL 450H, Honors: Selected Topics in Biology
   vii. **Modify course**: BIOL 471, Undergraduate Research in Biology
   viii. **Modify course**: BIOL 472, Undergraduate Research in Biology
   ix. **Modify course**: BIOL 480, Integration of Biological Principles
   x. **Modify course**: BIOL 480H, Integration of Biological Principles
   xi. **Modify course**: BIOL 491, Departmental Seminar
   xii. **Modify course**: BIOL 492, Departmental Seminar
   xiii. **Modify course**: BIOL 505, Primate Biology
   xiv. **Modify course**: BIOL 508, Invertebrate Biology
   xv. **Modify course**: BIOL 510, Vertebrate Natural History
   xvi. **Modify course**: BIOL 511, Ornithology
   xvii. **Modify course**: BIOL 513, Organic Evolution
   xviii. **Modify course**: BIOL 515, Environmental Biology
   xix. **Modify course**: BIOL 518, Animal Behavior
   xx. **Modify course**: BIOL 519, Mechanisms of Disease
   xxi. **Modify course**: BIOL 522, Immunology
   xxii. **Modify course**: BIOL 524, Advanced Botany
   xxiii. **Modify course**: BIOL 529, Stem Cell Biology
   xxiv. **Modify course**: BIOL 530, Current Methods in Microscopy
   xxv. **Modify course**: BIOL 540, Special Topics in Biology
   xxvi. **Modify course**: BIOL 551, Conservation Biology
   xxvii. **Modify course**: BIOL 552A, Conservation Biology Practicum: A Field Conservation Biology in the Tropics
   xxviii. **Modify course**: BIOL 552B, Conservation Biology Practicum: A Field Conservation Biology in the Local Community
   xxix. **Modify course**: BIOL 555, Molecular Biology
   xxx. **Modify course**: BIOL 560, Bioinformatics

b. Department of Chemistry, Physics, & Geology
   i. **New course**: GEOL 270, Dinosaurs

c. Department of English
   i. **Modify course**: ENGL 308, World Literature After 1700
   ii. **Modify course**: ENGL 432, Academic Internship in English
   iii. **Modify course**: ENGL 433, Academic Internship in English
iv. New course: ENGL 470, Undergraduate Research in English
v. Modify course: ENGL 501, Modern British Poetry
vi. Modify course: ENGL 502, Studies in Non-Western Literature
vii. Modify course: ENGL 503, Major Victorian Writers
viii. Modify course: ENGL 503H, Major Victorian Writers
ix. Modify course: ENGL 504, Modern American Poetry
x. Modify course: ENGL 505, American Romanticism
xi. Modify course: ENGL 510, Topics in Literature and Language
xii. Modify course: ENGL 511, Chaucer
xiii. Modify course: ENGL 512, Middle English Literature (excluding Chaucer)
xiv. Modify course: ENGL 513, Milton
xv. Modify course: ENGL 514, Elizabethan Literature
xvi. Modify course: ENGL 515, Southern Literature
xvii. Modify course: ENGL 520, 17th Century English Literature
xviii. Modify course: ENGL 521, Restoration and 18th Century English Literature
xix. Modify course: ENGL 525, Studies in Irish Literature
xx. Modify course: ENGL 527, English Romantic Poetry and Prose
xxii. Modify course: ENGL 529, Contemporary American Fiction
xxiii. Modify course: ENGL 530, Grammar in Theory and Practice
xxiv. Modify course: ENGL 550, Topics in Critical Reading
xxv. New course: ENGL 670, Graduate Research in English
xxvi. New course: ENGL 694, Graduate Studio in English
xxvii. Modify course: WRIT 431, Academic Internship in Writing
xxviii. Modify course: WRIT 432, Academic Internship in Writing
xxix. Modify course: WRIT 433, Academic Internship in Writing
xxx. New course: WRIT 503, Creative Writing Theory
d. Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
   i. New course: WMST 503, Psychology of Gender and Sexuality
e. Department of Mass Communication
   i. Modify course: IMCO 105, Introduction to Integrated Marketing Communication
   ii. Modify course: IMCO 475, Senior Seminar in Integrated Marketing Communication
   iii. Modify course: MCOM 425, Advanced Broadcast Journalism
   iv. Modify course: MCOM 441, Multimedia Reporting of Public Issues
   v. Modify course: MCOM 461, Mass Communication Internship
   vi. Modify course: MCOM 462, Mass Communication Internship
   vii. Modify course: MCOM 463, Mass Communication Internship
   viii. Modify course: MCOM 471, Public Relations Writing and Production
f. Department of Mathematics
   i. Modify course: MATH 111, Everyday Mathematics
   ii. New course: MATH 511, Functional Analysis
   iii. New course: MATH 570, Industrial Mathematics
g. Department of Political Science
   i. New course: PLSC 101, Careers in Political Science
ii. Modify course: PLSC 261, Model UN Symposium  
iii. Modify course: PLSC 305, The National Executive  
iv. Modify course: PLSC 306, Congress  
v. Modify course: PLSC 307, American Parties and Practical Politics  
vi. New course: PLSC 308, Campaign and Elections  
vii. New course: PLSC 309, Controversies of the American Founding  
viii. Modify course: PLSC 310, The Judiciary  
ix. Modify course: PLSC 311, Constitutional Law: Federalism and Institution…  
x. Modify course: PLSC 312, Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Li…  
xi. Modify course: PLSC 317, African American Politics and Policy  
|xii. Modify course: PLSC 319, Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States  
xiii. Modify course: PLSC 321, Public Policy and Policy Analysis  
xiv. New course: PLSC 500, Academic Research in Political Science  

h. Department of Psychology  
i. New course: PSYC 104, Psychology Department Assessment 1  
ii. New course: PSYC 404, Psychology Department Assessment 2  
iii. Modify course: PSYC 408, Cognitive Psychology  
iv. Modify course: PSYC 615, Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in School Psychology  
v. Modify course: PSYC 670, Continuing Professional Development  

i. Department of Sociology & Anthropology  
i. New course: SOCL 298, Career Development for Sociology Majors  
ii. New course: SOCL 519, Social Research Methods II: Qualitative Methods  

2. Program change proposals – all were approved on 2/21.  

a. Department of Chemistry, Physics, & Geology  
i. Modify program: BS-CHEM-BIOC  

b. Department of English  
i. Modify program: MA-ENGL  

c. Department of Human Nutrition  
i. Modify program: BS-NUTR-DIET  

d. Department of Mass Communication  
i. Modify program: BS-IMCO  

e. Department of Political Science  
i. Modify program: BA-PLSC  

f. Department of Psychology  
i. Modify program: BA-PSYC  

3. Blanket Petitions – all were approved on 2/21.  

a. Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
i. For the minor in Legal Studies, in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, add ACCT 351 to the list of permissible elective courses for the minor.

ii. For the minor in Women’s and Gender Studies, in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow WMST 450/SOCL 350/AAMS 390, when taught as Race, Gender, and Crime, to fulfil a core course requirement for the minor.

iii. For the minor in Women’s and Gender Studies, in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow WMST 450/RELG 350, when taught as Women and Gender in Islam, to fulfil a core course requirement for the minor.

iv. For the minor in Women’s and Gender Studies, in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow WMST 450/WMST 503/PSYC 503, when taught as Psychology of Gender and Sexuality, to fulfil a core course requirement for the minor.

b. Department of Philosophy & Religion and Department of World Languages
   i. For the BA/BS in all majors in the college, in all catalogs, allow students who completed Latin 101 with a C or better to count RELG 102X Biblical Greek or MLAN 104X Elementary Ancient Greek as the second course necessary to complete the Foreign Language requirement for the college.

c. Department of Sociology & Anthropology
   i. For the BA in Sociology, in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow SOCL 519X Social Research Methods II: Qualitative Methods to substitute for SOCL 516 Social Research Methods II.

4. Student Petitions
   a. One student petition was approved at an emergency meeting on 1/20.