CAS Faculty Assembly

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 23

2:00 p.m.

Kinard Auditorium

I. Welcome – Casey Cothran
   a. Called to order at 2:00pm
II. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2026, meeting (Appendix A)
   a. Motion and seconded, approved
III. CAS Committees
   a. D&I Committee – Jennifer Dixon McKnight
      i. IDEA Awards presented
         1. 2025 – Department of Human Nutrition
         2. 2026 – Department of Mass Communication
      ii. Future application submissions encouraged to highlight the work of being done throughout the year
   b. CAS Curriculum Committee – Heather Listhartke
      i. Curriculum Items
         1. New Courses - none
         2. Program Edits
            a. BA in PRAD &BA in MCOM – CSCI no longer offered, shift to cover content through DESF 161 course –passed
            b. BS (NUTR-DIET) – consolidation of major and non-major specific courses into one course-passed
         3. Course Edits
            a. PSYC 302 & 302H pre-requisite change to allow 301 as co-requisite-passed
            b. Biology: Removal of 300 as a requirement, change in appropriate pre-requisites to all the following courses: BIOL 551, 423, 403, 421, 407, 405, 440, 517, 513, 511, 510, 507, 505, 490, 422, 480, 518, 519, 522, 524, 526, 508, 528, 532, 539, 540, 542, 530, 529, 552A, 552B, 555, 554, 560, 570 – passed
         4. Blanket Petitions – 4 blanket petitions approved
         5. Student Petions – none
         6. Next meeting Tuesday 12/8/26 @ 11am in Kinard 105 - curriculum materials MUST be entered in CourseDog one week before the curriculum committee meeting (December 1) to be considered!
   c. FCUL Vacancy – Nominations
      i. Nominees
         1. Gwen Daley

2. Dominique Itanze

ii. Voting will be open in Qualtrics until 10/30/26

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business

a. Advising updates provided. Click link for detailed presentation by Drs. Belk & Bostic

i. Reminder of loads and processes– Adria Belk

ii. Implementation of the Shared Advising Model – Danielle Bostic

1. Updates (slides 7-14)
2. Wingspan (slide 15)
3. Degree Requirements (slides 16-25)
4. Advising at Winthrop (slides 26-29)
5. Advising Reminders (slides 30-31)
6. Advisor Assignments (slides 32-33)
7. Course Suggestions (slides 34-35)
8. Degree Works (slide 36)
9. Registration (slide 37)
10. Advising for Academic Success (slides 38-42)
11. Double Major and Dual Degree (slides 43-44)
12. Advising Students About Minors (slides 45-46)
13. Possible Questions from Students (slide 47)
14. Privacy of Education Records (slide 48)
15. Contact Us! (slide 50)

iii. Additional Student Advising and Success updates –

1. New "CRM" is being explored and vetted
2. Staff Development and Team building in progress
3. If faculty need support, reach out to Dr. Danielle Bostic and her team

iv. Registration begins Wednesday 11/4; priority registrations on 11/2

VI. Remarks from the Dean – Takita Sumter

a. Reminder that Open House is Saturday, October 24, 2026

b. Celebration and recognition for recent publications, presentations, other disseminations, and promotions

c. Highlight of Lauren Kohut's recent work and award

i. Defensive networks provide basis for late pre-Hispanic Andean polities, PNAS 2026

ii. Recipient of the 2026 Mary Spann Richardson Award

d. Faculty Searches are underway in Biology, Chemistry, English, Psychology, MCOM, Sociology (2)

e. Next Faculty Professional Development Funding requests (11/15)

i. Travel through Spring Break

ii. There will be one additional cycle in February

f. Other Dates:

i. Nov. 10, 2026 @ 11—Sabbatical Showcase (Dina's Place)

ii. Nov. 22-24m 2026 ACEND Site Visit

VII. Announcements

a. HMXP301X – The Human Experience in Italy and Greece opportunity – May 10-20, 2027 – not in catalog, students have to schedule with study abroad and meet HMXP pre/co-requisites. Once approved, students can register. 15 students minimum need to register with cap of 20-24; For more information contact: Adam Glover and Jennifer Everhart
b. HMXP is seeking interested faculty to train to teach HMXP
c. Migration Conference – Abstract deadline November 1, 2026; Conference: Feb 25-27, 2027

VIII. Next CAS Faculty Assembly Meeting: January 15, 2027 @ 2pm in Kinard Auditorium (018).

a. Agenda items need to be submitted by January 8, 2027
b. Items to be included in the next presentation are due by January 14, 2027

IX. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn, 3:01pm

Note: Quorum (35% of full-time faculty) is 49 faculty members for Faculty Assembly.
The minimum attendance to do business (20% of full-time faculty) is 28 faculty members.