

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
**GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**January 12, 2018**

Immediately following Faculty Assembly

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- I.** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dave Pretty. A quorum was present. A motion was made to approve the minutes from October 20, 2017, and minutes were approved.
- II.** Report from CAS Committees  
Dr. Jesse Hamm presented a report on course changes approved at the October 10, 2017, meeting of the Curriculum Committee. All were approved with a clarification by Dr. Siobhan Brownson that WRIT 620 is a graduate class even though it was previously listed with undergraduate course during the CAS faculty meeting.
1. The following course actions were approved:
    - a. Department of Chemistry, Physics, & Geology
      - i. New course: PHYS 510, Special Topics in Materials Physics
      - ii. CHEM 510 – special topics
    - b. Department of English
      - i. New course: WRIT 620, Directed Research in Writing
  2. The following blanket petition was approved:
    - a. Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
      - i. For the MLA-PLCE, in all catalogs, allow PLSC 504 (*American Foreign Policy*) to count toward the concentration requirements.
- III.** There was no old business.
- IV.** There was no new business.
- V.** There were no announcements.
- VI.** Graduate Director's Remarks – Dr. Gregory Oakes

The faculty was welcomed back for the Spring semester. Dr. Gregory Oakes introduced Katie Dykhuis, Director of Graduate Enrollment; Daniela Aguilar, Admissions Coordinator; and Sarah Kelly Lowder, Recruiter and Communications Coordinator. Their office will be working to improve Winthrop's graduate school recruitment efforts. They will be reaching out to faculty as they work to capture student success stories which will be used on social media platforms.

Dr. Oakes also publicly thanked Dr. Marsha Bollinger, Dr. Kori Bloomquist, and rest of SCWK faculty for their hard work in preparing for the roll out of the online MSW program.

Dr. Oakes also assured the faculty that the university is being increasingly intentional about how we develop graduate programs going forward. Conversations began last Fall about the best way forward and will include at least one study to determine future needs.

Graduate Education Week will be the week of Feb. 12, 2018. Plans include Regalia day on Monday, Feb. 12, a panel discussion, "Why Graduate Education Matters," an Open House and Academic

Showcase, and a M.F.A studio tour. The Graduate School will pay for printing for student research posters displayed at the Academic Showcase. Plans are being made for the College of Arts and Sciences to hold a showcase next year to highlight student research from CAS programs.

**VII.** A motion was made and approved to adjourn.

**Note:** Quorum (35% of graduate faculty) is 22 faculty members. The minimum attendance to do business (20% of graduate faculty) is 13 faculty members.

Respectfully submitted,

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secretary