

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
March 02, 2018**

Immediately following Faculty Assembly

Kinard 018

**I.** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dave Pretty. A quorum was present. A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 12, 2018, and the minutes were approved.

**II.** Report from CAS Committees

a. Curriculum Committee –

Dr. Jessie Hamm presented a report on course and program changes that were approved at the February 23, 2018, meeting of the Curriculum Committee. The following course changes were voted on and approved by the Graduate Faculty Committee.

i. Department of Mathematics

1. Modify course: MAED 548, Secondary Math Curriculum and Pedagogy Issues

ii. Department of Social Work

1. Modify course: SCWK 612, Field Instruction I
2. Modify course: SCWK 612C, Field Instruction I
3. Modify course: SCWK 622, Field Instruction II
4. Modify course: SCWK 622A, Field Instruction II
5. Modify course: SCWK 622B, Field Instruction II
6. Modify course: SCWK 622C, Field Instruction II
7. Modify course: SCWK 632, Field Instruction III
8. Modify course: SCWK 632A, Field Instruction III
9. Modify course: SCWK 632B, Field Instruction III
10. Modify course: SCWK 632C, Field Instruction III
11. Modify course: SCWK 632D, Field Instruction III

Dr. Hamm also presented the following program changes for approval.

i. Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

1. Modify program: MLA-LART-PLCE
2. Modify program: MLA-LART

ii. Department of Social Work

1. Modify program: MSW-SCWK

The modification to the MLA-LART-PLSC program called for changing the name of the PLSC concentration to “Global and Cultural Studies.” A friendly amendment to the motion was made calling for the creation of a separate “Global and Cultural Studies” concentration in addition the existing PLCE (“Political and Civic Engagement”) concentration. Much discussion regarding how this would be perceived by students and what resources would be needed to support an additional concentration ensued. The amendment was voted on and defeated. Following this discussion and vote, the assembly returned to the original purposed modification (to change the name of MLA-LART-PLCE to “Global and Cultural Studies”). The assembly did not approve the change. The other modification to the MLA-LART was approved as was the modification to the MSW-SCWK program.

**III.** There was no Old Business and no New Business.

- IV. Announcement.** The assembly was reminded of the English Department Book Sale which was currently occurring.
- V. Graduate Director Remarks –** Dr. Greg Oakes thanked the graduate faculty for their support of Graduate Education Week. He clarified that a provisionally admitted graduate student may take up to 12 graduate hours. The policy governing provisional admission has been changed to state, “Upon successful completion of coursework as a provisionally admitted student, the student will be fully admitted to the program by the Graduate School. A provisionally admitted student may not receive a grade of C+ or lower and must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0. If the provisionally admitted student receives a C+ or lower or fails to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA, the student is dismissed from graduate study. Finally, Dr. Oakes reported that the MSW online program is continuing in development. He offered his thanks to all who have been working on this.
- VI.** The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Margaret Gillikin, PhD

## Appendix 1

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

Immediately following Faculty Assembly

Kinard 018

**VII.** 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.

**VIII.** 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.

**IX.** There was no old business.

**X.** There was no new business.

**XI.** There were no announcements.

**XII.** 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.

**XIII.** 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,

Margaret Gillikin  
secretary

## Appendix 2

### CAS Curriculum Committee Report for Graduate Faculty Committee February 23, 2018 meeting

#### 1. The following course actions were approved:

- b. Department of Mathematics
  - i. Modify course: MAED 548, Secondary Math Curriculum and Pedagogy Issues
  
- c. Department of Social Work
  - i. Modify course: SCWK 612, Field Instruction I
  - ii. Modify course: SCWK 612C, Field Instruction I
  - iii. Modify course: SCWK 622, Field Instruction II
  - iv. Modify course: SCWK 622A, Field Instruction II
  - v. Modify course: SCWK 622B, Field Instruction II
  - vi. Modify course: SCWK 622C, Field Instruction II
  - vii. Modify course: SCWK 632, Field Instruction III
  - viii. Modify course: SCWK 632A, Field Instruction III
  - ix. Modify course: SCWK 632B, Field Instruction III
  - x. Modify course: SCWK 632C, Field Instruction III
  - xi. Modify course: SCWK 632D, Field Instruction III

#### 2. The following program actions were approved:

- d. Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
  - i. Modify program: MLA-LART-PLCE
  - ii. Modify program: MLA-LART
  
- e. Department of Social Work
  - i. Modify program: MSW-SCWK