Winthrop University  
Graduate Council Agenda  
Friday, October 3, 2008  
208 Thurmond  
2:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Kelly Richardson, chair; Marshall Jones; Cara Peters; Kristi Westover; Wanda Briggs; Gale Teaster-Woods; Antje Mayes; Lauren Frisoli, student. Yvonne Murnane, Mark Dewalt, Tim Drueke, and Margaret Williamson also were present.

1. **Council approved the minutes of the September 12, 2008 meeting with corrections.**

2. **Reports:**
   
a. Dr. Murnane provided an update on Graduate School activities (attached).

b. Cara Peters reported that the Faculty Governance Committee continues to meet.

c. Kelly Richardson discussed the meeting she and other academic leaders and the budget priorities committee had with the president concerning the budget situation. She indicated that it was a good, open meeting.

3. **Old Business:**
   
a. Dr. Murnane suggested that she and Margaret Williamson work with Robbie Hampton and Tim Drueke to draft revised guidelines for writing a thesis. The council approved the suggestion. A proposal will be brought to the next council meeting.

4. **New Business:**
   
a. The meaning and process of receiving graduate faculty status was brought up. A subcommittee of Cara Peters, Kristi Westover and Yvonne Murnane will draft a proposal for the council to consider.

5. **Adjournment**

6. **The Petitions Committee** met to discuss a petition. The petition was approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Margaret Williamson