

GRADUATE COUNCIL
December 4, 2018, 11 a.m., Thurmond 208

Minutes

Members present: Tracy Griggs, Eric Birgbauer, Mary Slade, Kelly Richardson, Don Rogers, Anna Romanova, Jack DeRochi, April Hershey, Lisa Harris, Gina Jones, Greg Oakes, and Catina Vinson.

- I. Announcements: None.
- II. Approval of minutes October 26, 2018. See the link below for minutes:
<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/default.aspx?id=4255>. Approved.
- III. Report from the Graduate Dean, Jack DeRochi: Enrollment: For spring 2019 we are projecting between 710 and 730 enrolled and that includes 122 online students. Total fall enrollment was up 15 students. Some antiquated admission requirements for MBA and MSW may be hindering applications for students that have solid GPAs. Requiring it for students with lower GPAs is still a good requirement, but we may want to make it optional for those with higher GPAs. JMU just went to test optional for undergraduate admissions. The #1 predictor of graduate success is a high undergraduate GPA and then field experience for programs like MSW. The Graduate School does not dictate admission standards so this conversation will be collaborative and ongoing with the various programs.
Please remind your students to participate in the 3-Minute Thesis competition that will be part of SC Graduate Education Week, February 18-22, 2019.
- IV. New Business:
 - A. Rigor requirements update – Policy document is ready for ALC approval from UGAC. Once it is approved, Graduate Council can add language and guidelines for faculty when they are putting in curriculum action. May see about adding it to the curriculum action system. Greg Oakes to present the policy at the next Graduate Council meeting in January 2019.
 - B. Increase Graduate Faculty involvement in GFA: 1) Celebrate more widely when faculty join GFA. Letter and recognition are good. What about Grad School swag? Pens and stickers? Cups? 2) Separate the meetings? That has been attempted in the past and did not really work. 3) Turn the regular meetings into online only? And then meet just once a year to discuss the larger items? Make the once a year meeting more town hall like? 4) Offer coffee for faculty once a semester? This may be cost prohibitive. 5) Graduate Faculty going to graduate student events. SC Grad Ed week, lecture series, MFA gallery events, etc. are also where we want increased involvement. How do we communicate events to GFA? Grad Faculty email list that is an opt-in list serv to send out events? Newsletter or calendar of events once a month? Programs can generate events that we (GSO) can help promote. 6) Are there other benefits to GFA membership? Each faculty member is going to have a different definition of this. There is a reward, it is just going to look a little different

for each person. Lisa Harris to follow-up on the online voting and opt-in list serv ideas.

V. Curriculum action

- a. Please log in and review these prior to the meeting:

<https://www2.winthrop.edu/courseaction/>

Program changes:

1. None

Curriculum changes NOT requiring a vote:

1. None.

Curriculum changes requiring a vote:

1. SOCL 508: changing from X course to permanent course; changing title from International Migration to Global Migration and Immigration Policy. Changing pre-reqs from SOCL 101 or 201; to SOCL 101 or 201 or graduate status. *Justification: We are putting this course at the 500-level intentionally with the idea of proposing a graduate certificate (or mini certificate) program in the coming year so we do anticipate having both graduate and undergraduate students in this courses. We also are proposing a new concentration in Sociology in “Social Inequalities”, so this course would serve both the graduate certificate program and the concentration. - **Approved***
2. SOCL 509— Masculinities. Was a special topics course. Now proposed as permanent course. An in depth examination of men, the male gender role, and masculinity. Students will examine how masculinity is socially constructed, performed, utilized, and understood in diverse cultures. *Justification: We are putting this course at the 500-level intentionally with the idea of proposing a graduate certificate (or mini certificate) program in the coming year so we do anticipate having both graduate and undergraduate students in this courses. We also are proposing a new concentration in Sociology in “Social Inequalities”, so this course would serve both the graduate certificate program and the concentration. – **Approved, pending Gina’s confirming that graduate rigor statement mirrors that of SOCL 508 above.***
3. SOCL 525: adding goals, changing teaching method from lecture to independent study, lecture, and research; and changing pre-req from SOCL 101 or SOCL 201, and SOCL 325 to SOCL 101 or SOCL 201, **227**, and SOCL 325. *Justification: Adding SOCL 227 [as a pre-requisite] brings this course in line with other upper-level criminology courses and promotes proper sequencing in the concentration. – **Approved.***

- VI. Graduate Faculty Status Requests
 - a. Dr. Allison Paolini (Counseling, Leadership and Education) – Approved.
 - b. Dr. Marinn Pierce (Counseling, Leadership and Education) – Approved.

- VII. Graduate Petitions
 - a. **Petition 6** – Transfer Statistics course with a B- into MBA program. (Approved by e-vote) - **Approved**
 - b. **Petition 7** – Student asks for extension to the time limit of 6 years for the application of previously earned Winthrop hours in the MAT program (degree conferred 2011) to her current MFA degree program. - **Approved**
 - c. **Petition 8** – Student asks to take 15 hours while on probation to keep in lock step with Social Work program. The failed course is currently being re-taken and the student expects their GPA to rise before next semester. – *Tabled until after grades come in. If grade is B or better, student petition becomes moot. If grade is lower, then we will re-evaluate based on performance and we will ask for greater support from faculty member.*
 - d. **Petition 9** – Student requests extension of 6-year time limit so that he may graduate in Spring when his thesis is complete. – **Approved**
 - e. **Petition 10** – Student requests extension to the 6-year limit because of travel difficulties after Puerto Rico hurricane. Student will return to finish degree next semester. - **Approved**

VIII. Adjournment

2018-2019 Meeting Dates (Thurmond 208)

December 4, Tuesday, 11:00am
 January 18, Friday, 2:00pm
 March 8, Friday, 11:00am
 April 23, Tuesday, 11:00am

Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:
<http://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/default.aspx?id=43990>

Curriculum Action System Access (click on as Graduate Council Chair)
<https://www2.winthrop.edu/courseaction/login.axd>

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