

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Minutes, 25 January 2008
Barnes Recital Hall

I. Call to order

Dr. Janice Chism called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

II. Welcoming remarks

Dr. Janice Chism thanked everyone for attending. She stated the graduate council had met twice since the last graduate Faculty Assembly and the council's report would be given later.

III. Approval of Minutes from 12 October 2007

The minutes of the October 12th, 2007 meeting were accepted as submitted.

III. Report from Graduate Council

Dr. Cara Peters identified the curriculum proposals to add, modify, and drop courses that were put forward. The proposals from the College of Business Administration and the College of Arts and Sciences (see the agenda for a complete list) were voted on and passed. There was discussion regarding the proposal to add HIST590 which Graduate Council had rejected. The proposed course would be restricted to undergraduates. The discussion centered on whether a 500-level course could exclude graduate students. Dr. Tom Polanski stated that it is possible to have a 500-level course restricted to undergraduates and, in such cases Graduate Faculty Assembly does not have any jurisdiction over the course. Dean Boyd indicated that the revised version of the faculty manual available on line covers this point. This raised a question about whether this might be confusing if a student took such a course as an undergraduate then continued on at Winthrop as a graduate student. Tim Druke, Registrar, stated that the Office of Records and Registration looks at the record of each student who is enrolled in such a course, and graduate credit is only given to graduate students.

The Council approved the Graduate Faculty recommendation for Dr. Pravda Stoeva-Popova from the College of Arts & Sciences

Since Dr. Peters had reported in general on the status of the review of faculty governance at Faculty Conference which immediately preceded Graduate Faculty Assembly, Dr. Janice Chism suggested that anyone with questions for Dr. Cara Peters about the proposed changes to the structure of graduate faculty governance to please see Dr. Peters after the meeting for answers to those questions.

V. Reports

Dr. David Rankin, Interim Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies reported that graduate head count enrollment was up overall by 12% and credit hours were up by 14%. The largest numbers of students are from out of state. There are 700 graduate students registered for spring. They are in the process of moving

personnel from the Graduate Studies Office to Records and Registration which will be taking care of applications for graduation, programs of study, probation, and student progress and other end of semester type inquiries.

Dr. Roger Weikle Chair, of the Graduate Dean Search Committee reported the committee has met and they have received some 22 or 23 applications. The committee has given applicants an initial review. The next steps are telephone interviews and then reference checks. The committee expects to begin campus visits the last part of February. The position is to begin July 1st, 2008

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VII. New Business

There was no new business

VIII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ameda A. Manetta.