

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Minutes of 7 March 2008 Meeting
Plowden Auditorium

I. Call to order

Dr. Cara Peters called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

II. Welcoming remarks

Dr. Cara Petered welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained that she would be chairing the meeting in the absence of Dr. Janice Chism who was away at a meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from 25 January 2008 Graduate Faculty Assembly

The minutes of the January 25th, 2008 meeting were accepted as submitted.

IV. Report from Graduate Council

Dr. Cara Peters explained each of the Curriculum Actions that had been approved by Graduate Council and presented these to Graduate Faculty. Dr. Peters began by presenting the items that did not have to be voted on but were for information only (see the Agenda for a complete list).

Dr. Cara Peters identified modifications to courses and programmatic changes that were put forward by the College of Education. These items were voted on and approved by the assembly (see the agenda for a complete description and list of courses).

The Council approved the four Graduate Faculty nominations these were: Dr. Debi Min, Dr. Linda Pickett, and Dr. Tenisha Tolbert, of the College of Education and Dr. Karen Stock of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. They were all given a round of applause and welcomed to graduate faculty.

V. Reports

From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dean Moore stated he hoped that faculty had a chance to meet the candidates who had been on campus. He stated one more candidate would be coming to the campus on Monday or Tuesday. Faculty was encouraged to give their feedback to Dr. Roger Weikle Chair, or the Deans in their college. Dean Moore reminded everyone the office of Records and Registration has moved to their new location.

There was one question from the floor. In regard to the interviews for the graduate dean, a faculty member questioned, why faculty did not get any notification for the first candidate and there was a one-hour notice for the second candidate. Dean Moore explained this was not intentional, but had happened in error. An alternative explanation given by Dr. Cara Peters was that Graduate Council received advance notification and scheduled time with the candidates and so your Graduate representatives were actively involved on your behalf but some

miscommunication may have occurred. Dean Moore again stated there was no intent to hide anything.

Report from Interim Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies

Dr. David Rankin did not have a report. He had one announcement. Please attend the lecture by Allan Lightman and the luncheon that will be next week.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VII. New Business

Election of Chair, Graduate Faculty Assembly

Dr. Cara Peters announced that three people were listed on the ballots and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Dr. Peters also announced there are absentee ballots available at the library and these will be there until Tuesday at noon.

Ballots were handed out and gathered by Ameda Manetta. Faculty will be notified of the winner once the ballots are tabulated.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Tim Drueke announced the deadline to withdraw from a full semester course is Wednesday the 12th. Advising begins on return from March break with registration on the 9th. Mr. Drueke asked that everyone encourage their graduate students to register online so they can get used to using the system and check their grades.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ameda A. Manetta.