

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Minutes 17 August 2007
Johnson Theater

I. Call to order

Dr. Janice Chism called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

II. Welcoming remarks

Dr. Janice Chism welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the coming semester. There are a lot of major changes in the way that graduate programs are structured as we talked about last spring. Dr. Chism reminded everyone of the importance of sharing their ideas and making decisions at the meetings. She stated there would be two important items this year, 1- the opening of the graduate school and assembling a graduate team, and 2 – the restructuring of the role graduate faculty have within the faculty governance. Dr. Chism stated we will use this forum to talk about these matters.

III. Approval of Minutes from 20 April 2007 Graduate Faculty Assembly

The minutes from 20 April 2007 Graduate Faculty Assembly were approved as distributed.

IV. Report from Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Tom Moore informed the assembly there was some development over the summer of identifying a possible search committee for a Dean of the graduate school. Deans Roger Weikle and Debra Boyd have agreed to co-chair the search. No one has been contacted about it yet. Dr. Moore stated their schedules this summer were such it was impossible for the three of them to get together but they will meet in the near future. He also stated that Dr Chism and Dr. Rankin would both be heavily involved in the planning.

V. Report from Interim Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies

Dr. David Rankin stated the two-year graduate catalogue format is being changed to a CD format because of production costs. There will still be about 200 hard copies printed. The CD format will include all three terms, summer, spring, and fall. The catalogue will be accessed electronically. Additionally, all copies of the catalogue will be archived so students can access the one they entered under. Dr. Rankin also stated that some of the funds saved from changing the format were used this past summer for recruiting and marketing. He reminded the assembly that in a meeting two and a half years ago there was a desire to have a presence in the North Carolina Market. In a past report it was noted that the Carolina Partnership, that includes 13 counties, produced just under 10% of the graduate students. This year, after we sought to increase our presence in this market by advertising in publications such Southpark and Charlotte Place, 20% of the graduate students are from the 13 counties in the Carolina Partnership. Dr. Rankin

cautioned that we can not be positive the increase was from the Partnership but we think it did make a difference.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VII. New Business

A faculty member thanked the administration for raising the stipend to \$1,800 for GA's. There was no other new business.

VIII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

IX. Adjournment

The Graduate Faculty Assembly adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ameda A. Manetta.