

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly Agenda  
September 29, 2006 following Faculty Conference (2:00 p.m.)  
Brynes Auditorium

I. Call to order

Dr. Bessinger called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

II. Presentation of motion by FC Rules Committee

Dr Beth Costner presented a motion from the Rules committee to allow the committee to employ electronic communication. The motion was passed.

III. Recess

FC will complete their agenda  
The GFA took a recess at 2:40 to allow the Faculty Conference to complete their business.

IV. GFA will reconvene after FC

Dr. Bessinger called the Assembly to order at 3:00 pm.

V. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2006

The Assembly approved the minutes of the August 18, 2006 meeting.

VI. Report from Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Tom Moore reported that the Graduate Program Report is still in the process of meetings, he will provide the final report once it is available. Dr. Moore stated there have been issues identified in relation to Winthrop offering courses in NC. At the present time negotiations are ongoing to determine if we need a license to offer these courses. He also stated that some programs are on hold until a resolution is arrived at.

VII. Report from Interim Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies

Dr. David Rankin stated there were 4 items to report. 1 - things have gone smooth in the graduate studies office. Four of the women in the office have picked up extra work and Tim Druke has given support to graduate studies. 2- the office is in the planning stages for commencement and the reception after this. They are looking for any people who would like to volunteer to help with this. 3- In relation to enrollment; Enrollment is down 100 students in head count, but the same number of credit hours that were offered last year is almost identical to the number that are being offered this year. This is in part due to the social work masters program requiring students to take 15 credit hours. 4- Recruiting: the graduate studies office is running a check to see if the losses in student numbers are North Carolina or South Carolina students. Once this information is compiled it will help the office know the area to focus on in relation to recruiting efforts. The office has cut about \$4,000 in travel money for recruiting. The \$4,000 is being used in other recruitment areas mainly in advertising. They have an advertisement in South

Park Magazine and are looking at Ballantyne Magazine and the cost of running TV advertisement.

#### VIII. Report on Graduate Program Review

Dr. Roger Weikle stated the committee is taking a serious look at all aspects of the graduate programs. He stated they are looking at the graduate programs at this time because there has been a lot done at the undergraduate level and there is a need to promote graduate studies. There is also a growing need to market our programs in Charlotte, NC.

The committee decided to examine the role and expectations of graduate programs to understand what the university expects and to get some direction in these areas. Among the items identified in relation to role and expectations was the need to identify a different structure for the GS office and to gain more support in general. He stated the committee is passionate about graduate programs and invested in the process.

The second group was slightly reconfigured, to analyze processes and recommend structure. They did this by listing every activity they could think of in the life cycle of students. They made the best judgment they could on where that work should be done, in a central GS office, in each academic unit that ran a program, or by the existing university support structure that now does that work for undergraduate students

They also looked at some recommendations to do things not currently done, i.e., to raise the profile of Graduate studies, and increase power internally. In regard to programming five areas were identified; Student orientation program; graduate student organization; student professional development; research symposia, featuring faculty students or joint projects; and, outside speakers. Activities were grouped to bridge the structure. Dr. Weikle stated the committee is very close to putting the structure together. They have two more meetings on the scheduled to do this.

#### IX. Report from Graduate Council

There was no report.

#### X. Old Business

There was no unfinished business.

#### XI. New Business

There was no new business.

#### XII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

#### XIII. Adjournment

Having no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ameda A. Manetta.

