Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
December 2, 2011
Dina’s Place – DiGiorgio Campus Center

Minutes

I. Call to Order – 3:22
   Don Rogers

II. Approval of minutes of Graduate Faculty Assembly from August 19, 2011
    Approved and seconded

III. Report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs
    Debra Boyd
    Thanked graduate faculty for their work this semester
    She remarked on the positive experiences described by graduate students this semester.
    She will contact programs regarding such positive comments.
    Announced that Dr. Pat Graham will stay on as Interim Dean of the Graduate School
    through the end of February and she will make an announcement about an internal
    search for the Dean of the Graduate School.

IV. Report from Graduate Council
    Wanda Briggs

   1. Faculty Status awarded to:
      i. Dr. Connie Hale (Music)
      ii. Dr. Lorrie Crochet (Music)

   2. Curriculum Action from Graduate Council (reported as information):

      Course modifications (reported as information):

      ENGL 695 (revision to thesis course requirements)
      ENGL 696 (revision to thesis course requirements)
      EDUC 660 (dropping pre-requisites)

      Program modification (requires approval):

      Master of Arts – History (per agenda attachment)
      Changes to the program were to eliminate one course and adding another. The total
      number of hours for the program with and without a thesis is 33
      Approved through vote

V. Interim Dean’s Report
   Pat Graham
   Welcomed everyone to the end of the semester
   Presented data on Fall 2011 Graduate Profile
   847 applications
   775 were complete applications
   90% (698) were admitted
   445 new students
We have an increased number of African–American graduate students. Present enrollment per college with large percent increases in Business Administration and Education. Presented information from where applications are coming. Largest number of applicants comes from York County (SC) and NC counties surrounding and including Mecklenburg.

Spring 2012 applications are 142 with 64 fully admitted at this point. Presented 2012 application per college and program across the university.

Summer 2012 application are at 26 applications at this time.

Fall 2012 applications stand at 46 with 2 fully admitted at this time.

December commencement will include 127 August and December graduates. 11 candidates completed a thesis.

-She thanked faculty for their commitment and work to help guide candidates through theses.

Dr. Graham reminded faculty that we are a major reason students come to Winthrop. Any help we can provide in this process is appreciated. With such a competitive market, we must establish a relationship with our potential applicants. Up until the last day that the offices are open, please help us enroll as many qualified candidates as possible.

You have received information on the changes in the GRE. These changes will need to be reflected in your programs.

During December, Dr. Graham will not be available but will return in January. In the meantime, Margaret Williamson will be the main contact person in the Graduate School.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

Moved and seconded at 3:50.