

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly-Minutes
March 11, 2011
Kinard Auditorium

I. Jack DeRochi called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

II. Welcoming remarks

Jack DeRochi welcomed graduate faculty assembly and wished everyone a happy spring break

III. Minutes from Graduate Faculty Assembly on December 3, 2010

The minutes were approved as submitted

IV. Dean's Report—Yvonne Murnane

Please see the Dean's Report included at the end of these minutes.

Topics:

Data on enrollment and applications

GRE changes and using scores during the transition

Copyright and theses

V. Report from Graduate Council—Andy Doyle

Reviewed Curriculum

Three significant program changes

MPER new program for Piano

Program Passed

Adding Chemistry to the 5 year option

Stevie said that PE is not a 5th year option

Don Rogers said that Music is not a 5th year option either

Marshall Jones said the department name is wrong as well

Beth Costner said that we are not voting on the concerns with this document but rather adding Chemistry.

Jack DeRochi asked Tim Drueke how we make the document changes. Tim

Drueke said that he will fix it and added clarification to what we are approving

Jack DeRochi then asked if Tim Drueke could update the online document.

Passed

Plus/Minus Grading and Probation Policy

Andy Doyle discussed local universities that use a + system and +/- system. A study out of Ball State found that when they moved to a +/- system the grades fell a hundredth of a point. This is similar to what happened with WU undergraduate data. He stated that the effect was negligible. He presented data on cumulative mean gpa showing negligible effect. This change affected the lowest performing undergraduate students.

Andy Doyle then presented on the language of Probation and entering students who may score a B- in their first three courses. A discussion ensued about the use of the 2.85

pre-18 hour and the use of + and – within their courses. Graduate Council wishes for feedback by March 25.

Jo Koster moved that we postpone the vote to the next scheduled meeting. It was seconded and the move to vote passed.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

Faculty Conference is held today

Jack DeRochi announced that he will resign from his post

An additional 13 members are joining GFA

Please take the survey by April 30 about ebrary

IX. Adjourned at 3:00pm

GRADUATE FACULTY ASSEMBLY

DEAN'S REPORT

March 11, 2011

I. Enrollment

-Increase in enrollment for degree seeking students by 1.8%

-Increase in total non-degree seeking students by 5.6%

-Total enrollment increase is 2.67%

-Slight decrease in number of applications and in accepted/enrolled

-Slight increase in continuing students

II. GRE Testing Information

-August 1 begins the administration of the revised test – no other choice

-From August 1 through mid November, ETS will be releasing no test scores.

-During this time the revised and old test scores will be aligned.

-In the catalog for 2011- 2012 programs requiring the GRE will include a statement about the revised GRE and after November will know what the revised test scores are for acceptance. The Graduate School will suggest wording at the GFA in April.

III. Electronic Thesis Submission

-The directions for the student are easy to follow.

-The Graduate School will post the address or link on the web page

-Can submit the thesis electronically and have it copyrighted; this does not preclude any other publications or presentations from the thesis.

- IV. March 30 begins the revision process of the graduate catalog.
 - Revisions due to Katie Dykhuis on April 20
 - Second review sent out on April 26 (study day)
 - Due back to the Graduate School on May 9
 - Online catalog available on May 24
 - Printed copies available late June

- V. Graduate School Application Process
 - Continues to be done manually –CollegeNet is not interfaced with the Graduate School – few more months
 - All documents are scanned and designated faculty are able to view the documents online
 - The work-flow process is just being developed now and this will take more months to complete - well into the fall semester
 - Thanks for your cooperation and patience as we transition to the electronic mode