

# Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly Minutes

October 8, 2010

Whitton Auditorium, Carroll Hall

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

**II. Welcoming remarks**

Jack DeRochi thanked Carol shields for recording the minutes for today's meeting.

**III. Minutes from Graduate Faculty Assembly on August 20, 2010**

The minutes were approved as submitted

**IV. Report from Graduate Council – Andy Doyle**

Andy Doyle discussed plus/minus grading. Undergraduate program have used plus / minus grading for 4 years. Feedback will be collected after departments and individual college assemblies discuss the issue. Graduate Directors have been emailed to encourage these conversations.

**V. Dean's Report – Yvonne Murnane**

Please see the Dean's Report.

Dean Murnane answered questions about the summer camps.

- Every camp will have at least one college student counselor as well as an instructor at \$1200 or \$40/hr if divided
- There will be lunch activities and operate on an extended day
- Looking more for middle and high school proposals

**VI. Graduate Faculty Governance - Jo Koster and Tom Polaski**

- For 2011-2012 curriculum changes, Jo Koster reviewed deadlines for curriculum change approvals.
- 500-level courses must be reviewed simultaneously by both governing bodies. Certain courses must be approved by General Education Curriculum Committee.
- Contact chair of the committee at the next approval level if you want something reconsidered. Graduate council is responsible for getting this to faculty.
- Jo Koster recommended individuals speak to Tim Drueke before you start a curriculum change, and be sure to send changes in batches.
- Dean Boyd noted that it is courtesy to inform other program directors of changes that will affect their program.
- Tim Drueke asked for email notifications of proposed changes.

- Jack DeRochi agreed to distribute copy of Jo Koster's powerpoint curriculum presentation.

**VII.** Beth Costner addressed roles and rewards and its relationships to graduate work. She asked faculty to bring forward ideas for more specificity. Lists are not exhaustive or a checklist but examples of student intellectual development, scholarly activity, and professional stewardship.

**VIII. Unfinished business.**

**VIII. New business**

Dean Murnane stated that some dollars are set aside to support for graduate students to go to conferences

**IX. Announcements**

**X. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.

## **DEAN'S REPORT**

### **GRADUATE FACULTY ASSEMBLY**

**OCTOBER 8, 2010**

**A. Announcements**

1. Summer Camp Request for Proposal
2. Stipend of \$750 for online course taught in summer 2011
3. Submission of a thesis in the MFA program for an award from the Council of Southern Graduate Schools

**B. Enrollment**

Degree Seeking: 922

Non-Degree Seeking: 149 (about 100 are WPDC)

Full Time: 448

Part Time: 623 (about 100 are WPDC)

**C. Changes in the GRE**

1. New test starting August 1, 2011
2. Scores on verbal and quantitative range from 130 – 170 in 1 point increments rather than the 10 point increments
3. Website: [http://www.ets.org/gre/revised\\_general/scores](http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores)

D. Electronic Thesis Submission

1. Done through UMI Proquest
2. Website: <http://www.proquest.com>