

GRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes
April 20, 2021, Online in Blackboard Collaborate, 11 am

Members present: Anna Romanova, Alexis Brindley, April Hershey, Brantley Therrell, Eric Birgbauer, Gina Jones, Jack DeRochi, Jennifer Jordan, Katie Dykhuis, Kori Bloomquist, Lisa Harris, Sherry Hoyle, Siobhan Brownson, Tim Druke, Tomoko Deguchi, Jennifer Dixon McKnight, and Tracy Griggs

- I. Announcements – Welcome to Brantley Therrell, Graduate Records Coordinator. She fills the vacancy left by the departure of Cassandra Bland last fall. Brantley will be taking over the processing of graduate petitions and catalog review.
- II. Approval of minutes from March 9, 2021. See the link below for minutes:
<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/gcm-minutes-030921.pdf>
Motion to approve – Siobhan Brownson (SB), 2nd – Jennifer Jordan (JJ). Approved via hand raise function in chat.
- III. Report from the Graduate Dean, Jack DeRochi: Graduate Faculty Assembly report sent for review on Friday as part of GFA meeting. Enrollment is still up mostly in campus-based programs. Online enrollment is solid. Second suite of online programs will be launched in the fall – MS in Sports & Fitness Administration, MEd Literacy, and MS Nutrition. Largest enrolled programs are our professional based programs (MBA & MSW). MAT also has 80 students due to grant-funded cohorts. Graduate School admissions team is awesome. Scholarship committee awarded Excellence in Graduate Studies and Hope Reed Fellowships. Virtual 3MGS held April 15 as part of SOURCE Week events. Great diversity of programs that did presentations. Videos submitted by students and adjudicated but committee judges. Hope to do it in person next year but the turnout for virtual was great. Graduate Commencement in person is coming up on May 6 at 7 pm. Graduates are limited to inviting 4 guests. No hooding. Diplomas will be mailed. Communication will go out to all faculty later this week with info in case there are those that want to attend.
Comments: Anna Romanova (AR): Very impressed with the Wiley cohort that started this past semester in the online MBA program.
- IV. Old Business
none
- V. New Business
 - a. Elect a Chair of Graduate Council for the academic year 2021-2022: Tracy Griggs served as vice chair this year and is willing to take on the roll.
Motion to close nominations – SB, JJ – 2nd.
Motion to elect by acclimation – SB, JJ – 2nd.
Tracy Griggs elected by hand raise function in the chat function.
- VI. Curriculum action:
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<https://apps.winthrop.edu/courseaction/>

Course actions:

- a. Modify course: ARTS536: changing the course description and title – Motion to approve – JJ, 2nd - SB; Approved.
- b. New Course: EDCI604: the course in Differentiated Instruction will be offered as a part of a new M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction program – Course is restricted to MEd Curriculum students. *Does not require GC vote.*
- c. Modify course: EDCI635: combining EDCI 640 and EDCI 635 in order to reduce hours in the newly proposed MEd in Curriculum and Instruction. – Course is restricted to MEd Curriculum students. *Does not require GC vote.*
- d. Modify course: EDUC521: changing the course level to 500 to allow undergraduate students to obtain PBL teaching certification upon graduation
- e. Modify course: EDUC522: changing the course level to 500 to allow undergraduate students to obtain PBL teaching certification upon graduation
- f. Modify course: EDUC523: changing the course level to 500 to allow undergraduate students to obtain PBL teaching certification upon graduation.
SB: Request more clarity to be submitted in regards to graduate requirements going forward. Tracy Griggs (TG): Motion to approve conditionally once more details are submitted. Tomoko Deguchi (TD): 2nd. d – f modifications voted on as a block. Approved.
- g. Modify course: LTEC550: modifying the old Educational Technology class to use the current Learning Design and Technology designator
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- i. Modify course: LTEC552: modifying the old Educational Technology class to use the current Learning Design and Technology designator
SB: Sufficient items specified for graduate level work at the 500-level. SB – motion to approve g-1 as a block. Sherry Hoyle (SH) – 2nd. Approved.
- j. New Course: LTEC553: creating a new course in Online Learning in response to the need for more educators to be able to teach online effectively. JJ: motion to approve. SB: 2nd. Approved.
- k. Modify Course: LTEC555: changing the course level to 500 to be able to offer special topics of interest to a wider range of students. TG: Motion to approve. JJ: 2nd. Approved.
- l. New Course: SPED682: creating a separate graduate section for the MAT students in place of the existing SPED 382 course that could not be re-designated at the 500 level. *Does not require GC vote.*
- m. New Course: SPFA645: adding a new course to the Fitness Administration track of the Sport and Fitness Administration program. *Does not require GC vote.*
- n. Modify Course: WMST540: updating course description to better align it with course content. SB: Motion to approve. JJ: 2nd. Approved.

Program Changes:

- o. New program: MED-CURI: introducing a new Master's program in Curriculum and Instruction to meet the market demand and attract more students. SB: Motion to approve. TD: 2nd. Approved.

- p. Modify: MS-SPFA: removing two core courses allow for more focus on the needs of each of the two concentrations (no net change in hours – hours are moved or replaced in the concentrations). SB: Motion to approve. JJ: 2nd. Approved.
- q. Modify: MED-SPEI: changing the core and concentration course offerings to improve program efficiency (adding new track that will lead to add-on certification as a special ed teacher) TD: This modification is being re-introduced to clarify a modification vs. program change. JJ: Motion to approve. Jennifer Dixon McKnight (JDM): 2nd. Approved.
- r. Drop: CERT-GSPR: dropping the graduate certificate in Sports Marketing due to low enrollment numbers (also dropping the concentration)
- s. Drop: CERT-GSTL: dropping the graduate certificate in Strategic Leadership (keeping the concentration)
- t. Drop: CERT-GFNA: dropping the graduate certificate in Finance (keeping the concentration)
- u. Drop: CERT-GMKT: dropping the graduate certificate in Marketing (keeping the concentration).
SB: Motion to approve as a block r – u. TD: 2nd. Approved.
- v. Drop: MBA-BADM-INAT: dropping the concentration in International Business due to low student enrollment
- w. Drop: MBA-BADM-SWPM: dropping the concentration in Software Project Management Concentration due to zero student enrollment over the past years
- x. Drop: MBA-BADM-SPRG: dropping the concentration in Sport Marketing & Revenue Generation due to low student enrollment and difficulties with staffing
TG: Motion to approve as block v-x. TD: 2nd. Approved.
- y. Modify: CERT-MGMT: replacing MGMT 682 and 575 that are no longer offered with MGMT 680 and MKTG 680 TG: Motion to approve. SB: 2nd. Approved.
- z. Modify: MBA-BADM: shortening the list of electives to improve efficiency of course offerings (no net change in hours) TG: Asked for clarification on the changes. Tim Druke (TimD): Changes to the MBA program last year were only for the General MBA. This is to clean up the concentrations and get rid of the micro-certificates that did not meet the CHE 12 hr minimum. The stackable certificates remain. SB: Motion to approve. TG: 2nd. Approved.
- aa. Modify: MBA-BADM-HRMG: updating the former graduate certificate to the concentration in Human Resources Management (no net change in hours) JJ:
- bb. Modify: MBA-BADM-MKTG: updating the former graduate certificate to the concentration in Marketing (no net change in hours)
- cc. Modify: MBA-BADM-STLD: updating the former graduate certificate to the concentration in Strategic Leadership (no net change in hours) Modify: MBA-BADM-FNAC: updating the former graduate certificate to the concentration in Finance (no net change in hours). **Motion to approve aa – cc as a block. SB: 2nd. Approved.**

VII. Graduate Faculty Status Requests

- a. Myles Calvert; SB: motion to approve, JDM: 2nd. Approved.

- b. Stephanie Sutton; TG: motion to approve, SB: 2nd. Approved.
- c. Ashley Licata; SB: motion to approve, JDM: 2nd. Approved.

VIII. Graduate Petitions

- a. Graduate Petition 2020-21-4: Extension of 6-year time limit.
Kiara Canty (MSW). SB: motion to approve petition. JDM: 2nd. Approved by hand raise function in chat.

IX. Adjournment – 11:55 am.

Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:

<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-faculty-governance.aspx>

Curriculum Action System Access (click on as Graduate Council Chair)

<https://apps.winthrop.edu/courseaction/>

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