

**Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Agenda
December 5, 2025**

**(to immediately follow Faculty Conference)
Carroll Hall, Whitton Auditorium**

- I. Call to Order
 - called to order at 2:55 pm with Quorum

- II. Welcoming Remarks E. Charles Randle, Graduate Council Chair • Welcome and self introduction

- III. Approval of minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from October 17, 2025
 - One minor change about the credit production.
 - Motion to approve, and motion carries.

- IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Sebastian van Delden
 - No reports

- V. Report from the Dean of the School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education Melissa McCarthy
 - Enrollment looking good for spring 669 currently registered—still waiting for all current students to enroll, both area numbers all up
 - More than 20 events with more than 100 leads done by Hunter
 - Marketing materials will be updated in the spring
 - Risepoint met with all the departments- reduction in barriers for admissions process
 - Also important implications as a result of the grad plus loans

- VI. Report from the Graduate Council E. Charles Randle, Graduate Council Chair
 - **Policies modifications requiring a vote --approved** ○ Expand MSAT 3+2 credit overlap
 - **Curriculum Action requiring vote by GFA --approved** ○ Master of Arts in Arts Administration
 - Reduction in credit hours 36 → 31 ○ Master of Arts in Education in Education Studies
 - Update Educational Studies concentration
 - Creation of accelerated pathway to obtain Special Ed. Multi-cat. add-on licensure
 - **Review of other curriculum items approved by Graduate council *not requiring a vote by GFA* (see curriculum action system)** ○ 600-Level Curriculum Changes

- (See curriculum action system for details) ○ 500-Level Curriculum Changes (Sent forward to CUC; see curriculum action system for details)
- **Petitions** – 2 Graduate Petitions were approved, with 7 for the year

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VII. Unfinished Business

- Voting on Proposed Amendments to GFA Bylaws--approved

VIII. New Business

- none

IX. Announcements

- Reminder to Deans: Please send an email to the Graduate School each year recommending your newest graduate faculty for inclusion in Graduate Faculty Assembly. [Current membership list](#) can be found online.

X. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn, approved. 3:12pm

