

**Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly  
Agenda  
February 27, 2026**

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

- I. Called to order:
  - a. 3:17, by Jennifer
- II. Welcoming Remarks Jennifer Dixon-McKnight
  - a. Kelly- Parliamentarium- in absentia
  - b. Secretary, Heather Listhartke
- III. Approval of Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from December 5, 2025
  - a. motion to approve, seconded, passed.
- IV. Report from the provost:
  - a. same report from FA
- V. Report from Graduate Council: Charles Randle
  - a. MBA- Fintech new concentration as program modification- created to meet the job demand of the Charlotte region- approved
  - b. Other curriculum action in course dog- microcertificate in healthcare
  - c. Graduate petitions- 7 of them were approved
  - d. Chair for GFA is still needed for next year-seeking nominations
- VI. Report from Dean- Melissa McCartney
  - a. Enrollment- 144 admitted students vs 100 last year but this is really looking good- part of EDD, Counseling, MBA, Social Work, Biology, English, and Arts Admin all doing great
  - b. Graduation deadline for spring has passed, but if there's still some needed, the spring fee will be waived
  - c. Hunter has 11 events for the spring with 36 leads for the spring, there was also 26 events in fall with 100+ leads
  - d. They're asking for swag if some is available
  - e. Website navigation—online students are having issues finding the online programs available outside of the Risepoint partnership offerings
  - f. Accessibility- reference materials from FA for info on the upcoming requirements for accessibility in online materials outside of risepoint partnership courses

- g. GA budget- has asked for the same funding as last year since there has not been good time for a full audit—planned in preparation of next year, hoping to leverage GAships in preparation of removal of grad plus loans
  - h. Graduate Student Week is coming and there's lots of activities planned for April 6-10<sup>th</sup>
  - i. There's a room in Tillman that will be opened for grad students.
- VII. Old business- none
- VIII. New business- none
- IX. Announcements
  - a. Reminder to recommend new faculty for grad faculty. There is a list of current faculty.
- X. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn, approved at 3:32 pm.