

**Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly**  
**Agenda**  
**April 25, 2025**  
**(to immediately follow Faculty Conference)**  
**Carroll Hall, Whitton Auditorium**

- I. Called to order
  - a. 3:47 by Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, with quorum
- II. Welcoming Remarks,
  - a. Jo parliamentary for the meeting on 4/25, need for one next year, please contact Jennifer.
  - b. Secretary, Heather Listhartke
- III. Approval of Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from February 28, 2025
  - a. approved.
- IV. Report from the Provost,
  - a. no additional comments from fac conf. no discussion
- V. Report from Graduate Council, Dustin
  - a. Modify programs, just notification
  - b. New: MBA programs Financial Planning and Healthcare Management voting,
    - i. Approved
- VI. Report from interim dean, kimarie
  - a. Graduate degree-seeking enrollment is 777, which is up 2.8% from last spring. Spring 2024 degree-seeking graduate enrollment ended at 756.
  - b. The GA Working Group led by Dr. Tracy Patterson is continuing to develop a strategic and sustainable model for awarding graduate assistantships and associateships that will launch in Fall 2026. Great progress is being made and their work will continue through May 2025. Thank you to Dr. Patterson and the Working Group for their work and contributions.
  - c. Kinyata Brown, Shelia Burkhalter, Philip Gibson, Lisa Harris, Dustin Hoffman, Halle James, Greg Oakes, Amber Slack, Chris Ward, and Gabby Jacobsen
  - d. Thank you to all of the faculty, staff and students who invested in the 2025 Graduate Student Appreciation Week and made it possible. The submissions, presentations, and contributions to the various fields of study and the community were truly remarkable.
  - e. Job well done to the poster session presenters at the Elizabeth Hope Reed Poster Session by the 2024 Elizabeth Hope Reed Fellows Scholarship recipients.

- f. Congratulations to the 3-Minute graduate showcase winners and the faculty who mentored them: Dana Witkoski, Arts Administration, Lauren Harris, Piano Performance, and Cheyenne Helfrich, English, and to the poster session winners from the College of Business and Technology: Nicholas Adelman, Damon Terry, and Marshall Young.
- g. We appreciate having your support with promoting and attending the events and ask that you consider making a 3-Minute Showcase submission a part of your course schedule for next spring. We would love to have 20 participants next year.
- h. The graduate committee made their selections for the Excellence in Graduate Studies Scholarship, Elizabeth Hope Reed Fellowship, and Beh Memorial Scholarship. The Excellence in Graduate Studies Scholarship recipients were from the Social Work and Biology programs. The Elizabeth Hope Reed Fellowship recipients were from the Counseling, MAT, School Psychology, Social Work, Human Nutrition, Arts Administration, and MBA programs. The Beh Memorial Scholarship was split between two recipients from the Accounting and Biology programs.
- i. We will have a Graduate Celebration Reception on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6-7:30pm in Tuttle Dining Room. The reception will celebrate December 2024, May 2025, and August 2025 graduates.
- j. We will have a virtual GA hiring day the week of May 12, 2025. More details to come from the School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education.
- k. Graduate Faculty Highlights
  - i. I sent an email to the College Graduate Directors asking that they share news in their areas that they would like for me to highlight in my report.
  - ii. I would like to acknowledge all Graduate Program Directors for their courtesy and professionalism in offering the best possible experiences and support for our students, given the financial realities of the University.
  - iii. I would also like to acknowledge the successful delivery of the Hornsby MLA lecture by Dr. Arthur Spirling of Princeton University on the topic of "The Fall of the Machines: Beyond the Hype: Real-World Prospects and Public Skepticism of AI". The event was well received and doubled as the Keynote Address for this year's Winthrop Model UN Conference. Thanks to Dr. Jennifer Disney, Dr. Alice Burmeister, Dr. Will Kiblinger, Ms. Katie Hartnett, and Ms. Amy Gonzalez for their support.

- VII. Old Business- none
- VIII. New Business-none
- IX. Announcements:
  - a. Kimarie cycling off for the New Graduate Dean to step into the role.
- X. Move to Adjourn, so moved. 3:58 pm