

**Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly**  
**Agenda**  
**October 17, 2025**

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

- I. Called to order 3:00pm by Charles Randle with Quorum
  - a. Secretary: Heather Listhartke, Parliamentarian: Kelly Costner
- II. Approval of the Minutes from April 25, 2025--approved
- III. Report from the provost- Sebastian
  - a. the first course from the EDD completed
  - b. no other notes
- IV. No curriculum action
- V. Curriculum changes-
  - a. Arts 536, 536H, 570 deactivated
  - b. Course Curriculum changes: ARTH 683, SCWK 612G, SCWK 622, SCWK 622E, SCWK 622F, and SCWK 632E
  - c. Program Changes: MFA arts ARTH 554 replaces ARTH683, MS in Human Nutrition NUTR 608 replaces NUTR 611
  - d. Petitions 5 approved
- VI. Graduate Faculty Assembly from Melissa McCartney
  - a. Numbers up to 998- up 7.9% graduate degree seekers
  - b. Credit production is up to 10%
  - c. Growth in social work, counseling, nutrition, MBA, EDD particularly around online services and MAT programs and pipelines from BA->MA, as well as pulling limestone students
  - d. In process of recruiting for Graduate Fairs—Open house for graduate students February 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - e. UGAC teams?? Assessment report for rigor in classes using the GAM matrix across the various levels—SACS will be here in the spring for a site visit due to level change through addition of EDD
  - f. Risepoint will be here next week-they are our online management partner for CBE programs and other online only programs
  - g. GA working group—looking through recommendations and having conversations with folks this semester
  - h. Graduate Student Appreciation week in April/May
  - i. Excellence in Graduate Studies and Elizabeth Scholarships will open soon

- j. Graduate School Team, Gabby Jacobsen, Brantley Therrell, and Hunter Huggins
- VII. Old Business—none
- VIII. New business—Replacement of Chris Ward as the GFA rep on CUC to serve as an ex officio member- Alice McClain nominated and elected to the CUC
  - a. Bylaws Amendments for Elections problems with singular vs plural leading to confusion about the responsibility for faculty voting, grammar corrections, and changes to language for clarifying nomination responsibilities.
  - b. There will be no separate graduate commencement this May, and likely next year due to reduced numbers across undergrad and grad degree recipients