

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Winthrop University
Friday, January 23, 2026
Teams

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Meeting ID: 219 373 337 494 39
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Members present: Charles Randle, Alice McLaine, Philip Gibson, Gina Jones, Tim Drueke, Malayka Klimchak, Greg Oakes, Lisa Harris, Kelly Richardson, Jessie Hoffman, Sherry Hoyle, Justice Odjeawo, Melissa McCartney, Alice Burmeister, and Gabby Jacobsen.

- I. Call to Order *at 2:01pm*
- II. Approval of minutes December 9, 2025

<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/sgco/graduatestudies/governance-minutes/grad-council-minutes/graduate-council-minutes-12-9-2025.pdf>

Corrections: Alice McLaine name adjustment. Add Malayka Klimchak as attending. Change CBA to CBT and COE to CESHS.

Concern was raised about differing polices for 500 level courses – larger conversation would need to be had – maybe at ALC, maybe at Academic Council. Ultimately the determination on what's in a course is up to the faculty, not the administration.

- III. Report from the Graduate School Dean, Melissa McCartney

Enrollment:

Total enrollment is up from last year - 883 to 925 – a 4% increase

Bigger increase in degree seeking and a little drop in non-degree.

Biggest influences: online Social Work, online MBA and seated MBA, as well as Athletic Training and Dietetics certificate.

Recruiting:

Previously had shared a really solid event calendar for recruiting – at the end of the fall fairs, Hunter Huggins had 100 leads

Currently working on spring events – if there are any your area knows about, fairs or companies to setup a table, let the GSO know.

Communications have been sent about Grad 101 and Open House – Hunter has been asked to talk about the accelerated programs.

Working on building up Graduate Student Appreciation Week and the 3MGS GAMs (Graduate Assessment Matrix) are in really great shape – on schedule with MAT – the only one missing is MAAA, but they just had a new director hired.

- IV. Curriculum Action
- 1. ***No Curriculum Items***

V. Old Business

1. None

VI. New Business

- Review and Approve announcement to accept nominations for GFA Chair and GFA rep to CUC***

Solicitations are needed for a GFA chair and for the GFA Rep. No suggestions or corrections for the announcement.

VII. Announcements

VIII. Graduate Petitions (None) – Voting Members Only

1. Handled by Email

Three voting members have responded, if the others could do so as well.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to approve: MK (Malayka Klimchak). Second: SH (Sherry Hoyle). Approved by acclamation.

2025-2026 Meeting Dates

~~September 16, Tuesday, 11:00 am: Tillman 308~~

~~October 31, Friday, 2:00 pm: Zoom (Teams)~~

~~December 9, Tuesday, 11:00 am: (Teams)~~

~~January 23, Friday, 2:00 pm: Zoom (Teams)~~

~~March 10, Tuesday, 11:00 am: Thurmond 212~~

~~April 14, Tuesday, 11:00 am: Thurmond 212~~

Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:

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

CourseDog

<https://app.coursedog.com/#/login>

2025-2026 Committee

Voting Members *The voting members of the Graduate Council also serve as the Graduate Petitions Committee.		Term Expires
Charles Randle, CBT, Chair	randlee@winthrop.edu	Appointed (VPAAs)
Jessie Hoffman, CAS, Vice Chair	hoffmanjb@winthrop.edu	Appointed (VPAAs)
Kelly Richardson, CAS	richardsonk@winthrop.edu	Elected (CAS)
Alice Burmeister, CVPA	burmeistera@winthrop.edu	Elected (CVPA)
Malayka Klimchak, CBT	klimchakm@winthrop.edu	Elected (CBT)
Anna Boddicker, CESHS	boddickera@winthrop.edu	Appointed (VPAAs)
Sherry Hoyle, CESHS	hoyles@winthrop.edu	Elected (CESHS)
Ex Officio, non-voting, and other invitees		
Cody Walters	waltersw@winthrop.edu	Elected, Library Faculty, Non-voting
		2027

Alice McClaine	mclainea@winthrop.edu	Elected, GFA (from CUC), Ex Officio	2026
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Graduate Faculty Assembly Meeting Dates

October 17, Friday, 2:00 pm: Whitton Auditorium, Carroll Hall

December 5, Friday, 2:00 pm: Whitton Auditorium, Carroll Hall

February 27, Friday, 2:00 pm: Whitton Auditorium, Carroll Hall

April 24, Friday, 2:00 pm: Whitton Auditorium, Carroll Hall