

**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 policies 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
- 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
- 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 acclimation.*

### **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**

<b>Voting Members</b> <i>*The voting members of the Graduate Council also serve as the Graduate Petitions Committee.</i>			<b>Term Expires</b>
Charles Randle, CBT, Chair	<a href="mailto:randlee@winthrop.edu">randlee@winthrop.edu</a>	Appointed (VPAA)	2026
Jessie Hoffman, CAS, Vice Chair	<a href="mailto:hoffmanjb@winthrop.edu">hoffmanjb@winthrop.edu</a>	Appointed (VPAA)	2026
Kelly Richardson, CAS	<a href="mailto:richardsonk@winthrop.edu">richardsonk@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected (CAS)	2028
Alice Burmeister, CVPA	<a href="mailto:burmeistera@winthrop.edu">burmeistera@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected (CVPA)	2028
Malayka Klimchak, CBT	<a href="mailto:klimchakm@winthrop.edu">klimchakm@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected (CBT)	2027
Anna Boddicker, CESHs	<a href="mailto:boddickera@winthrop.edu">boddickera@winthrop.edu</a>	Appointed (VPAA)	2027
Sherry Hoyle, CESHs	<a href="mailto:hoyles@winthrop.edu">hoyles@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected (CESHS)	2027
<b>Ex Officio, non-voting, and other invitees</b>			
Cody Walters	<a href="mailto:waltersw@winthrop.edu">waltersw@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected, Library Faculty, Non-voting	2027

Alice McClaine	<a href="mailto:mclainea@winthrop.edu">mclainea@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected, GFA ( <b>from CUC</b> ), Ex Officio	2026
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Adam Glover	<a href="mailto:glovera@winthrop.edu">glovera@winthrop.edu</a>	Faculty Conference Chair	

### **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