

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Winthrop University
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Tillman 308

Members present: Stephanie Sutton, Tim Druke, Cody Walters, Kimarie Whetstone, Lisa Harris, Philip Gibson, Tracy Patterson, Brantley Therrell, Charles Randle, Chris Ward, Sherry Hoyle, Jessie Hoffman, Brantley Therrell, Eric Johnson, and Gabby Jacobsen

- I. Announcements
- II. Approval of minutes March 11th, 2025. See the link below for minutes:
<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-council-minutes.aspx>
Motion to approve: SH (Sherry Hoyle). Second: CR (Charles Randle). Approved by acclimation.

- III. Report from the Graduate School Dean
Enrollment:
The final spring enrollment is 777

Graduate Student Appreciation Week recap:

Thank you for your support with promotion and attendance. There was a lot of good feedback and the students that participated seemed to really enjoy it.

Adjustments will be made for next year, including adding videos to the website for promotion.

For the Graduate Showcase there were double the posters from last year.

Please consider adding 3MGS to your curriculum – the goal is 20 participants for next year.

2026 dates are April 6-12th.

The Graduate Scholarship Committee has made their determinations and emails will go out by tomorrow.

The Beh Memorial was split between two students in MS Accounting and BIOL.

The Excellence in Graduate Studies was awarded to two students from the MSW and BIOL programs.

The Elizabeth Hope Reed was awarded to students in CSDV, MAT, MSW, PSYCH, NUTR, MAAA, and MBA.

The Graduates Celebration Reception will be held on May 7th from 6-7:30pm in Tuttle Dining Room.

Invitations will be going out soon and would appreciate all program directors to attend and also ask students to extend the invitation to faculty who were important to them, and GSO will ask on their behalf.

The GA Working Group will continue through May.

Plans are in place for a GA hiring day on Reading Day, Tuesday, April 29th

This aims to help fill positions, allows students to interview for multiple positions in one day, and removes some of the hassle of searching on the PeopleAdmin site.

Based on how it goes there might be an option for another in August

IV. **Vote for Graduate Council Chair and Vice Chair**

Through SS (Stephanie Sutton), DH (Dustin Hoffman) offered himself as a nominee for Graduate Council Chair.

SS will be stepping down - CVPA appointment beginning fall 2025 will be Alice Burmeister

JH (Jessie Hoffman) offered herself as nominee for Graduate Council Vice Chair.

Motion to approve: SH. Second: CR second. Approved by acclimation vote

V. **Old Business**

VI. **New Business**

EJ (Eric Johnson): students in CVPA are curious about how the library was able to stay open for extended hours in the past, as it currently closes at 9pm

CW (Cody Walters): prior to COVID it was open 24/5 and had two security officers to allow this. The numbers didn't show that it was effective to stay open past 9pm – the numbers kept dwindling and there was not funding for the guards.

During exam week it does stay open till midnight Sunday-Thursday.

Would consider extending hours, but there isn't funding and the staff is functioning at 60%.

TD (Tim Drueke): if there is a demand beyond a dozen students then it can be considered – the demand can make the change.

VII. **Curriculum Action**

Curriculum Changes Requiring a Vote:

1. Edit Program: MS in Sport and Fitness Administration

GJ (Gina Jones via email): may need CHE approval or notification; checking with Tim 4/10; for electives, is this general or relegated to SPMA/SPFA courses? (emailed Alice 4/10)

Motion to approve: CR. Second: JH. Approved by acclimation.

2. Edit Course: EDCO 555

GJ (Gina Jones via email): updated effective term to fall 2025; added pre-reqs to free form requirements field

Motion to approve: JH. Second: CR. Approved by acclimation.

3. New Course: MUST 525

GJ (Gina Jones via email): added regular letter grade as default; this course initially bypassed Gr Council as only the UG level was listed. I fixed this on 3/11, but since CUC met before GC, this course did not get in the CUC queue.

Motion to approve: CR. Second: JH. Approved by acclimation.

Curriculum Changes Not Requiring a Vote:

- 4. **Edit Course:** LLOC 804
- 5. **Edit Course:** LLOC 805

VIII. Graduate Petitions: None

IX. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn: CR. Second: SH.

2024-2025 Meeting Dates

- September 10, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.: Tillman 308
- October 25, Friday, 2:00 p.m.: Tillman 308
- December 3, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.: Tillman 308
- January 24, Friday, 1:00 p.m.: Tillman 308
- March 11, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.: Tillman 308
- April 15, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.: Tillman 308

Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:

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

CourseDog

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

2024-2025 Committee			
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Jessie Hoffman, CAS	hoffmanjb@winthrop.edu	Appointed (VPAA)	2026
Sherry Hoyle, COE	hoyles@winthrop.edu	Elected (COE)	2027
Ex Officio, non-voting, and other invitees			
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Chris Ward	wardc@winthrop.edu	Elected, GFA (from CUC), Ex Officio	2026
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