

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Winthrop University
Friday, January 24, 2025
Zoom

Members present: Dustin Hoffman, Kimarie Whetstone, Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, Tim Druke, Gina Jones, Stephanie Sutton, Sydney Morfin, Lisa Harris, Eric Johnson, Charles Randle, Jessie Hoffman, Li Ai, Greg Oakes, Tracy Patterson, and Gabby Jacobsen

I. Announcements

- II. Approval of minutes December 3rd, 2024. See the link below for minutes:
<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-council-minutes.aspx>
Motion to approve: CR (Charles Randle). Second: SS (Stephanie Sutton).

- III. Report from the Graduate School Dean
Report from Jack DeRochi presented by Kimarie Whetstone

Enrollment:

Spring 2025 is currently sitting at 768, up 1.6% from final spring 2024. Anticipate the final number for 2025 up 2%.

Announcements:

Two pieces of promotional materials was sent from Dustin prior to the meeting. These will also be on social media and email blasts to students.

There are a few undergraduate events to pass along:

Grad 101, February 5th, 5pm in DiGS 114

Graduate Studies Open House, February 5th, drop-in 5:30-6:30pm, Richardson Ballroom.

Graduate Student Appreciation Week:

<https://www.winthrop.edu/sgco/graduatestudies/graduate-education-week.aspx>

Additionally, proposals are being accepted for the 3-Minute Graduate Showcase, as well as a new online version for those who cannot attend in person.

Please consider adding this as part of your course schedule.

Application portal for scholarships, including the Elizabeth Hope Reed, Graduate Excellence, and Beh Memorial, are now open. Deadline is March 15th.

GA workgroup:

A number of directors and supervisors are working on strategic GA model for launch in fall 2026. The first meeting was January 8th, and there will be opportunities to provide feedback. Looking to codify a sustainable model for students, programs, and Winthrop overall..

- IV. Doctoral Program List of Policies, Lisa Harris

*Lisa is working on compiling a list of policies for implementation – will share with this committee and feedback about anything missing is appreciated.
Tim noted a meeting with Anthony in Social Work might be helpful – they are considering a doctoral program – then there can be distinguishing between Winthrop policies and program specific policies.*

V. **Old Business: Curricular Review Bylaws**

Charles noted the GFA bylaws appear outdated, from 2015, especially with respect to how faculty become members.

Additionally, micro certificates need to be added. They have been added to the UG/G tables on the Records & Registration website. Use that language:

<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/recandreg/Services/curriculum-review-levels.pdf>

There also needs to be consistency between the bylaws for Faculty Conference and Graduate Faculty Association.

Process for making bylaw changes – through Graduate Council or the Chair of the GFA. Their approval isn't required, but it might be a good idea to run by the Rule Committee for wording.

Dustin and Gabby to work on changes to the Graduate Council website.

VI. **New Business**

VII. **Curriculum Action**

Curriculum Changes Requiring a Vote:

1. Edit Program: MAT Accelerated

Motion to approve: CR. Second: JH (Jessie Hoffman). Approved by acclimation.

2. Edit Program: MEd in Special Ed Intervention

Motion to approve: SS. Second: JH (Jessie Hoffman). Approved by acclimation.

3. Edit Course: MLAN 591

4. Edit Course: MLAN 591S

Clarification/cleanup needed:

- *remove the corequisite MLAN 592 from 591*
- *591S needs the grad requirements copied in from 591*

These need to be approved by next Friday as they need to go to CUC the following Friday.

Dustin and Tim proposed handling via electronic vote.

5. New Course: SPED 509

6. New Course: SPED 596

7. New Course: SPED 597

Motion to approve: CR. Second: JH (Jessie Hoffman). Approved by acclimation.

Curriculum Changes Not Requiring a Vote:

1. Edit Course: CSDV 604

VIII. Graduate Petitions:

Going forward, these can be voted on as soon as they are received by the voting members.

IX. Adjournment

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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