

Winthrop University

School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education Faculty Assembly

March 25, 2025

11:00am, Owens 101

I. Call to order

II. Welcome

III. Approval of Minutes from [January 21, 2025](#)

IV. Report from Dean

- Enrollment Update

Kimarie shared enrollment data for Summer 2025. Encouraged faculty members to load their courses into CourseDog, so that we could enroll students in a range of courses. Numbers will be small, but it is a good opportunity to test drive your course(s)

- CBE Faculty Compensation Policy

Kimarie covered updates to the policy in the new version of the document dated 3/18/25

- Financial Aid / VA Benefits Update

Updates on where we stand with awarding Federal Financial Aid and VA benefits for CBE students. A vendor has been selected and we are still hoping that we can offer aid in the Fall 25 or Spring 26 terms. Tim Drueke has joined the working group seeking VA approval

- Summer and Fall CBE course offerings

The standard PFST courses will be offered this Summer, but we would also like to enroll students in Math, Management, Marketing, and Health courses. Having students complete a range of courses will provide us with important feedback on the process.

- Affinity Health Partnership

Pat and Scott did formalize the Affinity Health Partnership. They are a local Non-profit medical provider in Rock Hill. They will be naming a new

CEO soon, and we will circle back and discuss the opportunities with them in more detail. We would like to offer PLA credit for Affinity employees who have completed specific trainings or workshops. Standardizing this type of PLA opportunity would be very attractive to potential students

- New Interdisciplinary Concentration

We are planning to introduce an Interdisciplinary concentration in BPS for the Fall 2026 term. The Provost gave his blessing, so we need to start the formal process. No external approval is needed, just Winthrop's academic approval process.

This would allow students with a group of cohesive courses (including upper level) to satisfy their concentration requirement. Examples could include students with prior work in fields like Education, Psychology, or Engineering. This will go through our Curriculum Committee and school process in the Fall 2025 term.

V. New Business

None

VI. Adjournment