

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
FACULTY ASSEMBLY
MINUTES
January 12, 2018**

2:00 p.m.

Kinard Auditorium

- I. Approval of minutes** from October 20, 2017 Ginger Williams
 - i. *Unanimous approval*

- II. Report from CAS Committees**
 - a. **Curriculum Committee** Jessie Hamm
 - i. *Unanimous approval of proposed changes*

- III. Old Business-** none initiated

- IV. New Business-** Resolution brought the floor to address recent national political remarks made regarding certain non-US geographic areas..... Ginger Williams
Resolution wording discussed and modified. After discussion and changes the resolution were unanimously passed and the resolution/statement will be further forwarded Faculty Conference to be presented University wide.

- V. Announcements**
 - a. Bachelor of Professional Studies program update..... M. Gregory Oakes
Overview was provided regarding historical overview of development, strategic plan, national trends, market opportunity, degree completion interests, local statistics and data, major local employers, unique challenges for the post-traditional student, Winthrop's BPS advantage. The new program will be housed in interdisciplinary studies in CAS. Zach Abernathy provided an overview for methods developed to assess prior learning. Amanda and Katarina provided an overview on core classes and focus. Some discussion of other students wanting to transfer to the program were initiated by faculty and the differences between the degree awarded in the BPS and a traditional BA or BS were outlined as well as the different entrance criteria (e.g. 60 hrs associate degree work, 25 age minimum requirement).

- VI. Dean's Remarks** Takita Sumter
CAS enrollment is up, WU enrollment is overall steady. Ongoing work and strategic initiatives (students, programs, facilities, technology, faculty, faculty recruitment, retention, searches, sabbaticals). Sabbatical applications will be coming in March- expect to see email. Research council forms will need to go to chairs by 1/22, Dean by 1/24, and SPAR by 1/29. Updated/modifications to forms, review process, for research council grants will be coming from SPAR. College travel funds due by 1/30. Robert Prickett is looking for mentors for 2nd year faculty that are outside of 2nd year faculty member's departments. Overall remarks encouraging faculty to continue their good work.

- VII. Adjournment** 3:29pm.

Note: Quorum (35% of full-time faculty) is 50 faculty members. The minimum attendance to do business (20% of full-time faculty) is 28 faculty members.