College of Arts & Sciences
Graduate Faculty Committee
Aug. 21, 2014 Minutes

•Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of April 4, 2014. Motion approved on voice vote.

•Chair Jo Koster introduced and thanked secretary Guy Reel and parliamentarian Catherine Chang. She also thanked Kat Wilson for assisting in committee duties and Dave Pretty for his work as GFC Chair last year.

•Koster remarked that the university-wide Graduate Faculty Assembly and the Faculty Conference would no longer meet on the same days; no such decision has been made to do that at the CAS level, though the issue could be re-examined. No decision has been made as to whether the Graduate Faculty Committee will meet Sept. 5. Faculty will be informed in advance of any date changes.

•Koster urged those in attendance to encourage colleagues to join the graduate faculty. The list of graduate faculty is in the back of the graduate catalogue ~~as a pdf~~. Requirements for membership in graduate faculty are 1) holding of highest earned degree in one's discipline (or appropriate substitution) and 2) having a year of graduate level-service (teaching, research, scholarship, advising, etc.) to the institution. The application for membership is available on the Graduate School website as http://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/GFA-APPLICATION.PDF.

•Curriculum actions: consider adding courses, SCIE 594, Special Topics in Pedagogy for Science Teachers, and SCIE 594L, Special Topics Lab for Science Teachers. Course has been taught by Steven Fields but Beth Costner remarked that the university is looking for faculty to teach these courses. Motion to add courses approved on voice vote.

•Announcements: the Graduate School Open House is Thursday, Sept. 18, in Tuttle Dining Room. See the grad school web page for e-vite.

•Dr. Koster introduced the new director of graduate research, Greg Oakes. Dr. Oakes said he was available to assist faculty in any way he can. Dean Karen Kedrowski declined to offer additional remarks.

•Meeting adjourned.