

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 24, 2014**

The faculty present voted to do business in the absence of a quorum.

The minutes of the August 24, 2014 meeting were approved.

Chair Koster had no introductory remarks.

Dave Pretty presented the motion to Modify course: ENVS 510, Special topics in the environment. Addition of goals, methods of evaluation, and graduate student requirements; change to optional status for ENST and ENSC majors; minor wording changes. It passed unanimously. The GFC did not need to vote on SOCL 516, since graduate students are not permitted to enroll in this class.

There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

The only announcement was that the next meeting will be held on Friday, November 14, following the College Assembly.

Graduate Director Greg Oakes briefly introduced a new webpage on the CAS homepage advertising our graduate programs; it can be accessed through the black "Degree Programs" tab on the left side, or directly at <http://www.winthrop.edu/cas/default.aspx?id=37625>. He encouraged us to continue providing information that allows us to market our graduate programs more effectively. Director Oakes also encouraged departments to consider adding certificate programs as a way of drawing new enrollment; programs of 18 hours or less only require CHE notification, not CHE approval, so they are relatively easy to have approved. New programs can be entered through the Curriculum Application System.

Dean Kedrowski thanked Director Oakes for his ongoing work with the web page and reiterated that graduate education continues to be an institutional priority for building enrollment. She encouraged all of us to keep up our efforts and thanked faculty for their work.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Koster
Chair