

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
March 27, 2015**

Immediately following Faculty Assembly

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- I. Approval of minutes** of Graduate Faculty
Committee meeting of January 30, 2015..... Jo Koster, Chair
i. [See appendix 1](#)
- II. Introductory Remarks**..... Jo Koster, Chair
- III. Report from CAS Committees**
- a. **Curriculum Committee** Dave Pretty
The following course changes were approved on March 10, 2015 and March 20, 2015:
- a. New course: BIOL 529, Stem Cell Biology. Currently being offered at BIOL523X, and there is extensive student interest to continue offering the course.
- b. New course: ENGL 550, Topics in Critical Reading. Needed to allow more topics offerings.
- c. New course: WRIT 511, Topics in Writing and Critical Communication. Need another topics course for piloting courses.
- d. New course: HIST 624, Special Topics in History for Social Studies Educators. Has been offered as an experimental course before.
- e. New course: FREN 624 Special Topics in Language Teaching. Has been offered as an experimental course before.
- f. New course: SPAN 624 Special Topics in Language Teaching. Has been offered as an experimental course before.
- IV. Unfinished Business**
- V. New Business**
- VI. Announcements**
- VII. Graduate Director's Remarks** M. Gregory Oakes
- VIII. Dean's Remarks** Karen M. Kedrowski
- IX. Adjournment**

Note: Quorum (35% of graduate faculty) is 25 faculty members. The minimum attendance to do business (20% of graduate faculty) is 14 faculty members.

Appendix 1

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Minutes Jan. 30, 2015

Call to order by acting chair Richardson.

After the meeting began unofficially, a motion was made and approved to conduct business in the absence of a quorum. The meeting began officially.

The minutes of the Nov. 14, 2014, meeting were approved without changes.

Dave Pretty presented motion to: Add course: MCOM 575, Organizational and Crisis Communication; Modify course: NUTR 607, Research Methods. Change prerequisites and limit course to graduate students; Modify course: NUTR 611. Remove NUTR 221 as prerequisite; Add course: WRIT 675, Writing for Digital Communities. Will provide a theoretical and hands-on seminar in writing for electronic publication.

A question was asked about why it was necessary to specify that NUTR 607 was limited to graduate students. Pretty said there was no discussion of that in the supporting materials. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

There were no announcements.

Graduate Director Greg Oakes: He called attention to a new link on Winthrop University homepage linking to graduate programs. He also took note of advertising by Winthrop on Washington Post web page. Advertising is gearing up thanks to efforts of Jack DeRochi. The Digital Commons effort will imply that master's theses will be reposed digitally, likely meaning that students will need to supply only three, instead of four, hard copies, and authors are free to establish an embargo on the content for a certain period. The Graduate School is seeking stories about graduate students' accomplishments and noteworthy efforts; please ask such students if they would be willing to be part of publicity efforts. Contact DeRochi about these students. Also, DeRochi would like to establish as part of the quarterly newsletter a column by alumni of the program, and those who know of suitable alumni are encouraged to contact the alumni and send the information to the Graduate School office. The next copy deadline is Feb. 6.

The next meeting is set for March 27.

There were no comments from Dean Kedrowski.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.