

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA**

**Jan 15, 2021**

Immediately following Faculty Assembly (at 2:00 am)

Blackboard Collaborate

**I. Approval of minutes** from Sep 4, 2020.....Catherine Chang

i. See [Appendix 1](#)

**II. Report from CAS Committees**

**a. Curriculum Committee** .....Catherine Chang

i. See [Appendix 2](#)

**III. Old Business** ..... Catherine Chang

**IV. New Business** ..... Catherine Chang

**V. Graduate Director's Remarks** .....M. Gregory Oakes

**VI. 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**

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**VII. Approval of minutes** from Graduate Faculty

March 06 and August 18, 2020.....Catherine Chang  
*Unanimous Approval of Minutes*

**VIII. Report from CAS Committees**

**Curriculum Committee**.....David Pretty

*Approved:*

*Modify course: ANTH 540, Cultural Ecology*

*Modify course: BIOL 542, Global Change Biology*

*Modify course: NUTR 611, Public Health and Global Nutrition*

*Modify program: MS-NUTR*

**IX. Old Business**.....Catherine Chang

**X. New Business**.....Catherine Chang

**XI. Graduate Director's Remarks**.....M. Gregory Oakes

Ongoing efforts are maintained in working on strategic plan for graduate programs. An announcement was provided that an online graduate school open house is scheduled for October.

The upcoming graduate program directors meeting will focus on best tools and recruitment practices for graduate programs. Continued emphasis in on graduate program enrollments and looking at evidence accuracy that programs have been going up compared to decreasing by 3%-to-4%. Further discussion is expected around speculative caution that graduate enrollment has been increasing in current climate.

No further business, comments or questions stated.

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Respectfully submitted by Dr. Joshua Kirven

## Appendix 2

### CAS Curriculum Committee Report

Dec 5, 2020

#### 1. The following graduate course actions were approved:

- i. Add new course: BIOL 532, Cancer Biology

*Exploration of molecular pathologies underlying the hallmarks of human cancers; fulfilling the gap of not offering anything that examines the detailed molecular and cellular events mediating cancer development and progression; distinguishing Winthrop from other comparable universities in this region.*

- ii. Add new certificate program: CERT-DRWR, Digital Rhetoric and Writing

*12-hour Post-BA certificate for students to gain professional skills in producing content for digital media; using the already-existing courses; offering additional professional credentials to existing graduate students, undergraduate but not English majors, and those who do not have time to complete the MA degree.*

- iii. Add new certificate program: CERT-CRWR, Creative Writing Specialization

*12-hour Post-BA certificate for students to gain professional skills in producing original creative works suitable for professional publication; through skill-based learning and intensive workshops; using the already-existing courses; offering additional professional credentials to existing graduate students, undergraduate but not English majors, and those who do not have time to complete the MA degree.*