

I. Agenda

|  FACULTY CONFERENCE AGENDA 11/18/22 | |
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| I. Call the meeting to order Approval of the Minutes for the 9-30-22 Faculty Conference Meeting | Dr. Jennifer Jordan |
| II. Report from the FC Chair | Dr. Jennifer Jordan |
| III. Report From the Provost | Dr. Peter Judge |
| IV. Report from Academic Council | Dr. Alice McLaine |
| V. Report from FCUP Chair | Dr. Amanda Hiner |
| VI. Unfinished Business | |
| VII. New Business | |
| VIII. Announcements | Gina Jones Chuck Rey |
| IX. Adjournment | |

II. Board of trustee's

Communication updates:

Each of the three liaisons were asked to share were individually asked to share their insights on a variety of topics including Academics, Facilities, Values and Philosophy, Technology, Differentiators and The Future of Winthrop. We were each asked to give our own candidate responses and were assured at some point in the future faculty, staff and students will be able to offer input as well.

A liaison portal has been created to share pertinent information to liaisons prior to the board meetings.

Agendas were sent out to all faculty and staff for each of the BOT meeting held in October. Some exciting information was shared by Chuck Rey regarding the future/vision of athletics.

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I have asked Chuck to join us at the Faculty Conference meeting to share these will the faculty.

There was conversation at the Committee on Finance regarding the difference between staff and faculty resignations. The impression was the faculty were not as discouraged because of the turnover was not as high. During the BOT executive session, I was able to explain why the difference exist, how the faculty job search works, and that faculty satisfaction is low.

III. Academic council information

Academic Council

- Coursedog will soon be available for entry of curriculum action, if you have questions or problems, contact Gina Jones or Tim Druke
 - The system is logical and relatively user-friendly, but make sure you receive training when it is available to you
- Approve New Minor in Global Arts & Visual Culture
 - Exposes students to western and non-western visual cultures from a broad, multicultural perspective. Students who complete the minor will expand their breadth of knowledge of art and visual culture beyond the traditional Eurocentric “canon,” develop intercultural competencies, and consider how art was rarely the product of a single culture working in isolation.

Academic Council

- Cultural Events Committee Proposal to Continue Offering Virtual Cultural Events
 - Thorough long discussion at Academic Council last week
 - Continue to allow virtual cultural events each semester
 - The onus for regulating student attendance and participation going forward would continue to rest with the faculty moderator of said cultural event (this has been the standard practice. The moderator usually employs the help of a “camera monitor” to help with this). The faculty moderator must also submit the zoom attendance report after their event (this has also been standard practice). grants our students greater access to a diversity of ideas and cultures that keeps with the spirit of the cultural event requirement.
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- General Education Assessment Committee Proposal to Remove SLO#3 from the Global Perspectives Component of General Education
- Thank you to Wendy Sellers and the GE Assessment Committee for their detailed work that uncovered this point!
- At some point, the language regarding this particular SLO shifted from asking instructors to provide a “list of ‘global events’ that are available to students during the semester” to asking students to “identify relevant connections between course material and a global cultural event.”
- The shift in this language was never actually approved through faculty governance and the approved “tweaks” to this SLO were made to a phantom SLO.

IV. Registrar information

GRADING

Grades due for all GR degree candidates: **Wednesday, December 14 by 3 PM.**

Grades due for all UG degree candidates: **Thursday, December 15 by 9 AM.**

Grades due for all students: **Friday, December 16 by 5 PM.**

The registrar will send an email with a list of students who are enrolled in your courses and graduating to remind you that those are due early. ***All students must be cleared for graduation in order to participate in the ceremony and receive diplomas.***

An email will be sent with important grading reminders, including the new **UF** (Unearned F) and **UU** (unearned U) grades.

- A **UF** is an Unearned F: failure due to non-participation/non-attendance*; an **F** is an earned F and is simply a failure due to the student not achieving a passing grade on assignments. Both of these grades affect the GPA.
- A **UU** is an Unearned U for courses taken on the SU basis: unsatisfactory due to non-participation/non-attendance. A **U** is for an earned grade earned below a C- due to the student not achieving an appropriate grade on assignments. Neither of these grades affect the GPA.
- Last dates of attendance are required for these two new grades. You no longer have to enter LDAs for regular Fs, Us, IFs, or IUs. However, if the student ***never attended***, enter a 0 (zero) in the Hours Attended column.

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- FAQs on grading can be found at <https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/recandreg/Services/grading-faqs-for-faculty.pdf>.