

**Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly**  
DRAFT Minutes, April 28, 2015  
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I. Call to order at 1:03 PM: A quorum was present.

II. Welcoming Remarks – Dr. Malayka Klimchak

Dr. Klimchak thanked faculty for attending the meeting. Dr. Matthew Heard, Parliamentarian, reminded the assembly of the parliamentary rules for debate.

III. Minutes of the April 17, 2015, meeting: The minutes stated that a motion was made to vote on curriculum actions in the absence of a quorum. The minutes were amended to delete that statement. The amended minutes were approved.

IV. Report from the Acting President, Provost, and Vice-President for Academic Affairs - Dr. Debra Boyd was not available.

V. Report from the Graduate Council - Dr. Melissa Carsten

- The Graduate Council approved three petitions from students.
- New Graduate Professional Certificate Program in Current Trends in Physical Education and Health: This program was approved.
- New Graduate Certificate Program in Middle Level Education: This program was approved.
- New Specialist in Educational Leadership program: This program was approved.
- Master of Arts in Teaching 5<sup>th</sup> Year Program: Add READ 605: Literacy Foundations. The addition was approved.
- Modify the Master of Arts in Teaching (All) Program:
  - a) Remove 12 content hours from the program of study.
  - b) Add READ 605: Literacy Foundations.  
The combined effect of these two changes would have been to reduce program requirements by 9 hours.

Dr. Robert Prickett moved to amend the motion by deleting “Remove 12 content hours from the program of study”, and adding “Modify the program of study to require a range of 0-9 credit hours in the content area”.

Dr. David Pretty moved to amend the amendment by deleting “a range of 0-” and changing “credit hours” to “graduate hours”. This would have changed the original amendment to require 9 graduate hours in the content area. The amendment to the amendment was defeated.

Dr. Prickett’s amendment to the main motion was passed. Then the program modification was passed, as amended.

- Modifications to two graduate programs were approved by the Graduate Council and do not require a vote of the Graduate Faculty Assembly.
  - a) M. Ed. in Counseling and Development – School Counseling Concentration
  - b) M. Ed. in Counseling and Development – Clinical Mental Health Concentration
- The Graduate Council approved 21 new courses and modifications to 11 courses. These changes were listed in the meeting agenda. They do not require a vote of the Graduate Faculty Assembly.

VI. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School – Dr. Jack DeRochi

Dr. DeRochi announced a new policy that allows for provisional graduate admissions, beginning with admissions for Fall, 2015. Graduate applicants who meet all admission requirements for their desired graduate program will still be granted full admission. Graduate programs can choose to offer provisional admission to applicants who lack prerequisites or have some other issue that prevents full admission. Provisionally admitted students will have access to financial aid, while graduate non-degree students do not. Access to financial aid can be a major factor in a student's choice of a graduate school. Graduate programs will not be required to offer provisional admission.

VII. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

Dr. Klimchak stated that the Graduate Faculty Assembly meeting schedule for the next academic year will be determined soon. The schedule may include a combination of standalone meetings at 1:00 PM on Fridays and shorter meetings after Faculty Conference meetings.

IX. Announcements – There were no announcements.

X. Adjournment – The Graduate Faculty Assembly adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting Secretary