

GRADUATE COUNCIL  
April 23, 2019, Thurmond 208 11am

Members present: Lisa Harris, Tracy Griggs, Anna Romanova, Mary Slade, Eric Birgbauer, and Kelly Richardson. Jack DeRochi, Stephanie Lawson, April Hershey, Anne Fiala, Wanda Ebright, Greg Oakes, Gina Jones, and Tim Druke

- I. Announcements
- II. Approval of minutes from March 8, 2019. See the link below for minutes:  
<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/default.aspx?id=4255> - **Approved**
- III. Report from the Graduate Dean, Jack DeRochi – enrollment numbers for summer and fall – strategic planning process; will involve graduate council members, facilitated through Grad Dean’s Council and will involve multiple constituencies across campus. This is exciting because it will be a focus on something other than just enrollment and what we can do to improve adult and graduate education overall. More will be forthcoming over the summer and fall.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Lisa Harris to present suggestions/guidelines for faculty teaching 500-level classes. See handout report from Lisa. This is not the policy but rather a document that will be passed around to CUC, department chairs, GFA, etc. UGAC has the official policy in front of ALC. Jack suggested that language regarding activity vs outcome differences needs to be added. GO: Edits needed to the numbers and wording of SACSCOC standards as they were revised in 2018. Noreen and UGAC to review the “current practices” list for overlaps or issues as well.
- V. Curriculum action
  - a. Please log in and review these prior to the meeting:  
<https://www2.winthrop.edu/courseaction/>

**Program changes (all require a vote):**

Modify Program (MFA in Studio Art) – Anne Fiala – see handouts for additional information. In an effort to change the 3 year program to 2, they need to require 15 hours per semester instead of the current limit of 12. Gina Jones: How will this effect more non-traditional students that cannot attend full-time? Anne: the expectation for MFA students is full time enrollment. MSW currently allows 15 hours. While it is a policy change, it would be better to make the policy change rather than an exception per student. Tim Druke: this is a major re-write of the program so this will have to go before CHE so Spring 2020 is the earliest that it could become effective. Fall co-hort of students rather than new ones also starting in January. But, first year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students would be in the same class. AF: the course numbering will be addressed by Rec & Reg to make the repetition work. Feedback from current MFA students has been positive as they believe this will make the degree more robust. Currently 8 students

enrolled with 3 apps in for fall. Hoping that the 2-year move will be more attractive to prospective students. KR: questioned the TA language. AF: explained how the class will work to give the student in classroom experience but all while supporting current faculty. There will not be any funding associated with this role and Anne will make edits to make that more clear. These changes make us more competitive with UGA and ECU in regards to studio hours and in-depth arts requirements. Look towards making us more visible on a national level. Goal is to build enrollment in the grad courses so that it becomes part of faculty teaching load rather than as special topics/independent studies, etc. at \$400 per student that it is currently. Tim mentioned that the 15 hour per semester requirement is going to change the budget as tuition is only collected up to 12 for full time graduate students. – **Approved.**

**Curriculum changes requiring a vote:**

**BIO 513. Organic Evolution (3). – Approved.**

Department voted to amend pre-requisites for 500-level courses on September 4, 2018. The new pre-requisites include the new list of introductory course sequences. These are: BIOL 203, 204, 205, and 206, OR BIOL 220, 221, 222 or 270, and 223 or 271; BIOL 300; HMXP 102; CHEM 105 & 108; MATH 101, 150, or 151 or any MATH course with a MATH 150 or 151 prereq; students must have a min. grade of C- in all of the listed BIOL courses taken and a min. grade of C- in CHEM 105, ~~106~~, & 108 and a C- in HMXP 102 or ANTH 202 with permission of instructor. OR Graduate Status

*Justification: An ad-hoc Biology Curriculum Committee investigated Biology course requirements at 15 peer institutions and found that 14/15 of them have a two course introductory sequence and require genetics. The proposed program curriculum changes were approved by the Department in December 2017. Changes in pre-requisites for 300-, 400-, and 500-level courses have been adjusted to align with proposed program changes. The submitted-pre-requisite changes were approved unanimously on September 4, 2018. The new pre-requisites include the new introductory course sequences.*

**Curriculum changes NOT requiring a vote:**

None.

- VI. Graduate Faculty Status Requests
  - a. Dr. Hye-Sung Kim, Political Science - **Approved**
  
- VII. Graduate Petitions
  - a. Petition 20. Extension of 6-year time limit on PSYC 613
  - b. Petition 21. Readmission after dismissal due to earning F while on provisional admittance status.
  
- VIII. Adjournment

**Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:**  
<http://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/default.aspx?id=43990>

**Curriculum Action System Access** (click on as Graduate Council Chair)

<https://www2.winthrop.edu/courseaction/login.axd>

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