

**Graduate Council**  
**February 1, 2013**  
**2:00 pm, Thurmond 208**

Members present: Stevie Chepko (COE, chair), Jennifer Jordan (COE, vice-chair), Don Rogers (VPA), Brent Cagle (A&S), Ronnie Faulkner (Dacus), Melissa Carsten (CBA), Spiro Shetuni (Dacus), and Amanda Covington (CBA student)

Guests present: Jack DeRochi (Dean, Graduate School), Tom Polaski (ex officio, A&S), Sue Lyman (GFA chair), Gina Jones (R/R), and Robbie Hampton (R/R)

- I. Dr. Chepko announced the next meetings related to graduate faculty governance.  
Next Graduate Council meeting is March 22, 2013, in Thurmond 208 at 2:00 pm  
Next Graduate Faculty Assembly is March 8, 2013, following Faculty Conference
- II. Minutes from GC meeting on October 26, 2012 were approved. Minutes are on-line at the link listed below: <http://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/default.aspx?id=4255>)

III. Report from the Dean

*Academic Misconduct at the Graduate Level*

Dr. DeRochi discussed the documents related to emerging procedures that relate to academic misconduct at the graduate level. The form, "Guide to Graduate Academic Misconduct: Dismissal from Program (draft)" is a process intended to give graduate programs more options for consequences related to academic misconduct. DeRochi said that graduate programs hold graduate students at much higher standard than undergraduate students. There must be a process for removing a student from a graduate program for violations of academic conduct or professional standards. DeRochi also stated that a student must have a right of appeal in order to be removed from the institution.

The process for removing a student from a graduate program occurs only after the findings of fact have been established. In other words, when a student has either accepted responsibility for academic misconduct or been found responsible by Judicial Council, the graduate program may begin the process for recommending to the Dean and Winthrop that the student be dismissed from the program. Once dismissed and after a period of two years, the student may apply for a different graduate program at Winthrop. The materials related to prior case will become part of the new application.

Graduate Council suggested more language be added to the document that establishes dismissal as a potential consequence of violations of professional standards—not just academic misconduct. In addition, GC agreed with Graduate Directors of the colleges to recommend a member of the Graduate Faculty be added to Judicial Council. GC would also like to know more about the process as it relates to misconduct that the student may be engaged with outside the supervision of the instructor. DeRochi will provide more information about these suggestions at the next meeting.

### *Graduate assistantship assignments and distributions*

DeRochi indicated that he believed the GA Assistantship distribution would remain the same for the coming year and not return to previous levels of funding. He stated that although it would not be getting better, there would not be further cuts to existing 9hr GA positions. Chepko argued that the cuts were random in nature though, harming some programs more than others, simply because of the timing of graduations in particular graduate programs. Lyman agreed and asked if it was possible to redistribute the 9hr GAs that are coming open in the fall (given that those students would be finishing in May) so that the proportion of full tuition waivers to half tuition waivers would be more equitable across all colleges. After a lengthy discussion, GC asked DeRochi to suggest pursuing a short-term redistribution with VP Boyd. One suggestion might be to offer 6 hr tuition waivers across all GAs. DeRochi agreed and will bring back information related to that conversation to the next GC meeting, if not earlier.

### *Thesis Compensation*

DeRochi indicated he had not received the report on thesis compensation across the campus. Chepko will send it to him, at which point DeRochi said he would arrange for the topic to be discussed at a future ALC meeting.

## III. Old Business

### A. Petition Process

After a brief discussion of the petition process based on information provided by Cagle and Alderman, the petitions workgroup was asked to bring forward some recommendations regarding petitions to the next GC meeting.

### B. Graduate Faculty Discussion

GC reviewed language in the Faculty Manual that documents how often faculty members must reapply for graduate faculty status. This led to a discussion of various options to increase graduate faculty participation in graduate faculty governance. GC discussed flipping the meeting times with faculty conference or perhaps choosing another time and date altogether. In addition, ideas were discussed related to significations of graduate faculty status—for example, a pin to be worn on faculty regalia. GC workgroup was formed; Jennifer Jordan, Melissa Carsten, and Brent Cagle will work together to brainstorm various ideas and recommendations for raising the stature of graduate faculty status and increasing participation in graduate faculty governance.

## IV. New Business

### A. Graduate Faculty Status

GC approved the appointment of the following faculty members to graduate faculty status:

Young-Won Her – CBA

Maria Clara Paulino –(CAS)

### B. Curriculum Action (see attached documents)

1. MUST 531 – Music Computer Composition - Modify title and content of course to align with new composition tract in BMP program. **Approved.**
2. ENVS 520 – Senior Seminar in the Environment – Modify update course content and require CRTW 201 as a prerequisite for the course. **Approved.**
3. MUST532 – Computer Music Composition II - Modify title and content of course

- to align with new composition tract in BMP program. **Approved.**
4. PHED594 – Internship 1 – Physical Education – Course addition was mandated by the new COE core. **Approved.**
  5. PSYC517 – Psychology of Aging – Elective for BA in Psychology. Needed content in the field and has been taught as a special topics course for last 3 years. **Approved.**
  6. SCWK531 – Older Adults: Practice & Trends – Changing the prerequisites. **Approved.**
  7. SPED585 - Introductory Academic and Behavioral Methods – Approved substitution for EDCO 306 in COE core. Goals were revised to align with EDCO 306. **Approved.**
- C. Graduate Faculty Survey  
GC decided that a survey of graduate faculty should wait until after a report from the subcommittee on graduate faculty status.
- D. Graduate Council Chair Election  
Nominations were taken for GC Chair for 2013-2014. Jennifer Jordan was nominated. There were no other nominations. Chepko indicated she would give GC a few more days to make nominations and then hold the election via email.
- V. Formal meeting of Graduate Council adjourned. Discussion of graduate petitions began directly after.