

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly

February 23, 2024

(to immediately follow Faculty Conference)

Carroll Hall, Whitton Auditorium

Minutes

- I. Call to Order *at 3:20 PM, quorum present*
- II. Welcoming Remarks Tracy Griggs
Graduate Faculty Chair
 - Introductions and thanks to:
 - Dr. Hannah Richards, Secretary
 - Dr. Kent Miller, Parliamentarian
- III. Approval of minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from November 17, 2023
 - Special thanks to Dr. Amanda Hiner for taking minutes

Motion to approve and seconded. Unanimously approved.
- IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Sebastian van Delden

The provost did not present any news.
- V. Report from the Graduate Council Dustin Hoffman
Graduate Council Chair
 - Policies modifications requiring a vote
 - None at this time.
 - Curriculum Action requiring a vote by GFA
 - Program Change: Change in Program Title from “MBA in Business Admin—Acct and Analytics” to “MS in Accounting and Analytics”

Curriculum action passed.
 - Review of other curriculum items approved by the Graduate council *not requiring a vote by GFA* (see curriculum action system)
 - 600-Level Curriculum Changes (See curriculum action system for details)
 - 500-Level Curriculum Changes (Sent forward to CUC; see curriculum action system for details)
 - Petitions – No petitions reviewed since last meeting of GFA

No discussion.
- VI. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School Jack DeRochi
 - *Spring enrollment is 755, down 10% from last Spring.*
 - *Projections for the Fall are approximately 815, determined based on the launch of two new programs and seeing an increase in applications. There is a trend of more graduate students seeking degrees part-time; thus, increased enrollment does not necessarily mean an increase in credit hours.*
 - *Be on the lookout for announcements about the Graduate Student Showcase and related events.*
 - *Communications are being prepared for newly admitted graduate students about the changes to FASFA.*

VII. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business to report at this time.

VIII. New Business

There is no new business to report at this time.

IX. Announcements

- Reminder that Graduate Faculty status is now a streamlined process. Deans recommend membership for graduate faculty status to the Graduate School. There is no longer an application and voting process. The current membership list can be found online.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 3:30 PM