

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly

Minutes, April 21, 2023

(to immediately follow Faculty Conference)
Carroll Hall, Whitton Auditorium

Agenda in black font; Minute notes added in blue font

- I. Call to Order at 3:27 PM
- II. Welcoming Remarks Jennifer Dixon-McKnight
Graduate Council Chair
 - Introductions and thanks to:
 - Dr. Hannah Richards, Secretary
 - Dr. Kent Miller, Parliamentarian
- III. Approval of [minutes](#) of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from April 22, 2022
 - [Date of minutes being corrected](#)
 - [Minutes approved, with the correction of the date](#)
- IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Peter Judge
 - [No comment](#)
- V. Report from the Graduate Council Jennifer Dixon-McKnight
Graduate Council Chair
 - Policies modifications requiring a vote
 - None at this time.
 - Curriculum Action requiring vote by GFA
 - None at this time.
 - Review of other curriculum items approved by 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 – 10 petitions reviewed since last meeting of GFA.
 - [Nominations needed for a Graduate Rep to CUC](#)
 - [Motion approved to vote Chris Ward into this position in the next academic year](#)
 - [Dustin Hoffman will be serving as the new Graduate Council Chair next academic year](#)
- VI. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School Jack DeRochi
 - [Congratulations to Tracy Griggs for winning the LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award](#)
 - [Graduate Showcase is today \(4/21\) at 5:30 PM](#)

- 3-minute presentations from our graduate students about their research and endeavors
- Graduate Celebration Reception on 5/2
 - Excellence in Graduate Studies Scholarship winner will be announced at this event
- Question from the floor about Graduate Assistantships and pay
 - A plan has been made before the university budget has been approved so that graduate students can be hired
 - There will be no cuts to the graduate assistant budget for the next academic year
 - Next item on the agenda is working on pay inequities across campus

VII. Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business

VIII. New Business

- Get to know our graduate programs (see appendix slides)

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.

X. Adjournment

- Motion approved to adjourn at 3:49 PM