

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly Minutes of
January 26, 2007 meeting in Barnes Recital Hall

I. Call to order

Dr. Annie-Laurie Wheat called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. Welcoming remarks

Dr. Wheat explained that Dr. Carlton Bessinger was ill and would not be present.

III. Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2006 Graduate Faculty Assembly

The assembly approved the minutes from the September 29th, 1006 Graduate Faculty Assembly.

IV. Report from Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Tom Moore stated there was a review of the bi-laws for the graduate faculty governance material reported to him in November. He informed the assembly that all were in basic agreement with the report. They will meet again to discuss the document and it will go out for discussion before it is an action document. He stated it was taking longer than originally anticipate but he assured all who were present that it would be completed and handed out at a later date. Dr. Moore answered questions from the assembly.

V. Report from Interim Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies

Dr. David Rankin informed the assembly that the graduate studies and review of faculty governance happen in tandem. He reported there were 109 students who graduated in December and an anticipated 129 students will graduate in May of 2007. He stated that any changes in curriculum will be posted in the online version and the online version is the official document.

VI. Report from Graduate Council

Dr. Annie-Laurie Wheat gave the report from the Graduate Council. She asked that any requests for curriculum or faculty manual changes that are needed be submitted as soon as possible. She also requested that everyone look at the faculty governance document to see how we work as one faculty and understand how the process will happen. Dr. Wheat read the report from the Graduate Council Meeting Summary. The graduate curriculum proposals as handed out were voted on by the faculty and accepted as submitted.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

VIII. New Business

There was extensive discussion in relation to the Graduate Council Meeting Summary. Dr. T. Daughtery responded to the questions that were posed and stated that changes were occurring on an ongoing basis and he would post these changes as these occurred on the Faculty Forum so that all could read the changes. It is anticipated that the final report will be completed

by March. There will be a meeting on February 9th to discuss the report and graduate faculty was invited to attend.

IX. Announcements

There were no announcements.

X. Adjournment

Having no further business or announcements the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ameda A. Manetta.