

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly Minutes
20 April 2007 (2:45 pm)
Barnes Recital Hall

I. Call to order

Dr. Janice Chism called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm.

II. Welcoming remarks

Dr. Chism thanked everyone for coming and stated it seems like it has been a long year but we are now at the last meeting for the year.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 2 March 2007 Graduate Faculty Assembly were approved as submitted.

IV. Report from Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Tom Moore provided an update on the events that are ongoing. He stated that Deans Roger Weikle and Debra Boyd were working on a job description for the Dean of Graduate Studies. He said the job description would be mailed out to the faculty. It is hoped the position will be posted in October of 2007.

V. Report from Interim Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies

Dr. Rankin informed the assembly that Laurie Carpenter has kept the online catalogue of graduate studies up to date and the on-line catalogue is now the official catalogue.

He stated there is currently a big push in marketing in the Charlotte area. Overall there has been an 8% increase in applications for graduate studies. A graduate Faculty Award has been approved and will go into effect next year. Dr. Rankin ended his report by encouraging all members of the graduate faculties to attend graduate commencement.

VI. Report from Graduate Council

Annie-Laurie Wheat announced the curriculum proposals that have Graduate Council approved (see agenda for a complete list), the title changes that were approved, and the changes to admission requirements. Questions in relation to the curriculum proposals were put forth by members of the graduate faculty at the Assembly. Annie-Laurie Wheat answered these questions and asked for a motion to approve these changes. The changes were accepted – all were in favor.

The proposal to drop PLSC 532 was not approved by Graduate Council (see agenda). After a discussion of the item, the assembly voted to accept this proposal.

The Assembly was given information on nominations to Graduate Faculty, Reports and Recommendations for Reorganization of Graduate Studies, election of a new Chair for Graduate Council, and a discussion of the campus wide forums on possible changes to the academic schedule.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

The discussion of the Report and Recommendations on the Reorganization of Graduate Studies from the Graduate Working Group was presented. Roger Weikle asked for endorsement of the recommendation. A vote was held and all were in favor.

IX. Announcements

There were no announcements.

X. Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ameda A. Manetta.