

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Draft Minutes, April 25, 2014
(Following the Faculty Conference) Barnes Recital Hall

I. Call to Order at 4:56pm

II. Welcoming Remarks from the Chair of Graduate Faculty Assembly Sue Lyman
Announced her retirement in May, 2014 to applause from the assembly.
Dr. Lyman thanked Brad Witzel and Ian Pearson for fulfilling duties of secretary as well as
Malayka Klimchak for performing as parliamentarian

II. Approval of minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from March 7, 2014
Minutes for March 7th meeting at the bottom of this agenda.
Approved and passed.

IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Debra Boyd
Given the length of her report to Faculty Conference, Dr. Boyd did not offer additional
comments to the Graduate Faculty Assembly.

V. Report from the Graduate Council Melissa Carsten
Filling in for Dr. Jordan, Dr. Carsten announced new members of graduate faculty and
fourteen course actions. None of these actions required GFA voting.

Dr. Carsten presented four program actions that required GFA action:

Motion from Graduate Council to approve three program modifications and one new program

New CERT-ARTA Graduate Certificate in Arts Administration
No discussion and the motion passed

Modify MBA-BADM-HRMG MBA-Human Resource Management Concentration
No discussion and the motion passed

Modify MED-CURI MED CURI (ECED, ELEM, SCED, ED TECH, and
Teaching and Learning Specialization)
No discussion and the motion passed

Modify MFA-ARTD MFA in Studio Art
There was a discussion about dropping the design term. There was also a discussion
about the broadening of the program. Provost Boyd reminded everyone that the proposal
is for a title change. There was question about the justification presented.
Motion passed.

Election of New GFA Chair
No nominations were brought from the floor.

Election of GFA representative to the University Curriculum committee
No nominations were brought from the floor.

Ballots were delivered during the assembly. Voting is held open until Tuesday at 5pm at the Graduate School.

VII. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
Dr. DeRochi thanked Sue Lyman for her excellent work.

Jack DeRochi

In his report, he conveyed that the Graduate Alumni reception in Ballantyne was a success, and that there will be more events like this in the future. It is important for all programs to encourage their alumni to stay connected.

Graduate celebration will be held before graduation, Tuesday, May 6.

DeRochi Acknowledged Gerry Derksen, Jim Schultz, Hal Manasa, Brooke Stanley, and Sarah Spring for their grant work on “My Money Matters” website. This website includes excellent information with several tutorials that is managed by the students and can help with graduate students and student life. He encouraged us to visit the site. There are widgets built in that can be used to help with tax calculations.

The website was demonstrated to the delight of the faculty.

Three graduate certificates were approved. He encouraged faculty to continue building certificate programs and innovating existing programs.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Decision on meeting times for GFA

Sue Lyman

She proposed that GFA be held during a common time for a year which will provide data on attendance.

One objection was concerning that common times are already filled with departmental meetings.

Another faculty member said that these dates are decided well in advance and departments could adjust to these meetings. The common times had criteria that have not been upheld. Thursdays were prioritized to departments.

Timing is based on the Board of Trustees meetings. GFA could meet at 1pm before Faculty Conference, while another faculty member noted that Fridays may be difficult because of the multiple university meetings. GFA must consider curriculum meeting times.

Motion - Michael Lipscomb moved that we charge the GFA chair to work with Academic Affairs to pilot a new meeting schedule for next year.

Discussion of the motion ensued.

Motion passed.

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment at 5:31pm