

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly

Minutes, April 17, 2015

1:00pm Kinard 018

AMENDED 4/28/2015

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm. It was noted that the quorum of 25 attendees was met. Hemant Patwardhan kindly consented to be the secretary for this meeting; Keith Robbins kindly consented to be the parliamentarian.

II. Welcoming Remarks were made by Malayka Klimchak

III. Approval of minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from February 27, 2015

The minutes of the Feb 27th meeting were approved.

IV. Report from the Acting President, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Debra Boyd

Dr. Boyd was unable to be present.

V. Report from the Graduate Council

Melissa Carsten

- **GFA Bylaws**

Potential updates to the GFA Bylaws will be reviewed and put to a vote.

Amendments to the by laws were presented and put to discussion by Dr. Carsten. All amendments presented were seconded and approved. A proposal to amend the Amendment to Article 3 of the bye laws was made. The following is the text of the original amendment (in red):

“When a graduate faculty member is preparing for post-tenure review or in the sixth year after the initial granting of graduate faculty status, the faculty member will submit documentation of continued teaching, research and contributions on the graduate level to the Dean of the Graduate School. The Graduate Council will vote on the application and announce the outcomes to the graduate faculty assembly.”

After discussion the following proposal to amend the amendment was passed (in blue):

“When a graduate faculty member is preparing for post-tenure review or in the sixth year after the initial granting of graduate faculty status, the faculty member will submit documentation of continued teaching, research and contributions on the graduate level to the Dean of the Graduate School. The Graduate Council will vote on the application and announce positive outcomes to the graduate faculty assembly.”

Dr. Carsten announced that there were no petitions presented to the graduate council.

Dr. Carsten announced that Dr. Stephanie Lawson was accorded graduate faculty status.

- **Curriculum Action required – please refer to the curriculum management system for justification and explanations.**

No decisions on curriculum actions were possible as the meeting lost quorum while discussions were ongoing.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Respectfully submitted

Hemant Patwardhan

Acting Secretary