

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Minutes, February 27, 2015
Kinard 018

I. Call to Order at 1:01 – A quorum was not present. A motion was made to start the meeting without a quorum. The motion was seconded and passed.

II. Welcoming Remarks

Malayka Klimchak

Dr. Klimchak updated the GFA on the Presidential search and thanked the members for their support during this process.

Dr. Koster commented on the passing of Leonard Nimoy.

III. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from November 14, 2015. Motion was seconded and passed.

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

Dr. Boyd was not available due to the Presidential Search

V. Report from the Graduate Council

Melissa Carsten

- **GFA Bylaws**

Potential updates to the GFA Bylaws were reviewed. Minor edits were suggested by Dr. Lipscomb and Dr. Jones. The edits were accepted. A motion was made to put the revised bylaws on the next GFA agenda for a vote. The motion was seconded and passed.

- **Curriculum Action Process**

Graduate council approved 2 graduate petitions. The first concerned the transfer of 3 additional credits. The second was approving a probationary student requesting additional enrollment. One petition was denied. The denied petition concerned a student requesting readmission without waiting two semesters as required by current policy.

- **Curriculum Action**

Curriculum action taken by the Graduate Council was reviewed. There were no items that required a GFA vote. Review of curriculum items approved at the college level or by Graduate Council that do not require GFA approval

VI. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Jack DeRochi

Dr. DeRochi informed the GFA of the following items:

1. Graduate studies and professional development have been part of ALC questions to presidential candidates.
2. WU Graduate School is adopting an electronic format of thesis. Digital Measures in DACUS will be used. This action will save students \$75.
3. Michelle Hare talked to graduate directors and the need for students to be aware of graduate school debt.

VII. Unfinished Business

None

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Announcements

Dr. Klimchak wished everyone a refreshing Spring Break.

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:46pm.