

**Graduate Council**  
**February 6, 2015**  
**208 Thurmond**  
*Minutes*

*Members present:* Katherine Kinsey (COE), Melissa Carsten (CBA-Chair), Brent Cagle (CAS), Mike Lipscomb (CAS), Ronnie Faulkner (Dacus), Marshall Jones (COE), Rachel Luellen (student rep), and Tia Wheeler (student rep).

*Guests present:* Gina Jones, Maria D'Agostino, Malayka Klimchak, Andrew Vorder-Bruegge, Greg Oakes, Jack DeRochi, Tim Drueke, and April Hershey.

- I. Announcements: None
- II. Minutes from December 9, 2014 meeting approved and final copy posted on website: <http://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/GradCouncilminutesDec92014.pdf>
- III. Report from the Graduate Dean: The graduate certificate application for completion is posted on the Records and Registration webpage. For those obtaining a graduate certification only do not walk or attend commencement. The continuous enrollment policy fees will be posted and advertised soon. Enrollment for spring and summer is looking good. Technology issues with new software has slowed down the application review process but know that the office is moving and we appreciate everyone's patience. Certificate information will be in one place in the catalog but programs can utilize the web and can have it linked in multiple places. We use assessment data to determine if things we are doing work. We use marketing data as well to create new things based on need. As for certificate program design, the bar is a little lower when we are just repackaging courses that already exist.
- IV. Old business
  - a. Updates from Sub-Committees
    - i. Curriculum Action Process: GFA bylaw changes suggested in regards to curriculum action pending requests. Since language already exists regarding tabling this just needs to be made a part of the info that we can post/email to grad faculty, directors, etc.
    - ii. Thesis Guidelines: The Graduate School is working with DeeAnn Brame in Dacus Library to set-up the new submission procedures related to Digital Commons. Information will be sent to Graduate Directors of programs with theses and posted online.
- V. New Business
  - a. Review Proposed Changes to GFA Bylaws: Most wording changes are minor and look good. Article VIII needs more discussion. The College of Education does not have a separate graduate faculty assembly while the other colleges do. Do they actually report to Graduate Council? Is there any reason to worry about aggregating info? It is important to maintain consistency in membership in these different groups. Would non-graduate faculty be able to vote on graduate

curriculum? The sub-committee will go back to review more language and bring it forward it again.

- VI. Curriculum
  - a. Course Actions
    - i. ACCT 501; Approved
    - ii. MGMT 526; Approved
    - iii. SPMA 525; Approved
    - iv. SPMA 510; Tabled due to a question about the language in regards to graduate standing.
    - v. SPMA 501; Approved
  
- VII. Petitions
  - a. Amy Lamia - Approved
  
- VIII. Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates:

Friday, April 3rd at 2pm

Tuesday, April 28th at 11am

\*\* All meetings held in Thurmond 208

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