

GRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes
March 9, 2021, Online in Blackboard Collaborate, 11 am

Members present: Anna Romanova, Eric Birgbauer, Gina Jones, Katie Dykhuis, Kiara Morse, Kori Bloomquist, Lisa Harris, Sherry Hoyle, Siobhan Brownson, Tomoko Deguchi, Jennifer Jordan, Dustin Hoffman, April Hershey, and Hope Johnson.

- I. Announcements – none.
- II. Approval of minutes from January 22, 2021. See the link below for minutes: <https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/gcm-minutes-012221.pdf> – update last meeting minutes with last names to indicate participation. **Sherry Hoyle (SH); motion to approve. Siobhan Brownson (SB); second. Approved by hand raise function in the chat.**
- III. Report from the Graduate Dean – April Hershey shared information on the upcoming 3-Minute Graduate Showcase (3MGS) event. Video presentations are due March 26 via Qualtrics application; https://winthrop.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ceZjr7avwyHccl. Please encourage all students to participate. Event will be April 15 at 6:30 pm on social media. Please contact the Graduate School with any questions or for more details. Update on graduate scholarships – notifications of winners will be forthcoming first of April.
- I. Old Business - none
- II. New Business
 - a. Discussion of probation and dismissal policy for Spring 2021 – Gina Jones (GJ): CR is not to be used for this semester as that has already been decided. This is about dismissal or not. Anna Romanova (AR): Since there will only be regular letter grades, the probation and dismissal policy is under discussion. Katie Dykhuis (KD): Per Dean DeRochi, since we are returning to regular grading, we should return to regular probation/dismissal. This is now three terms that we have not dismissed students and for those that should have been, allowing them to continue may put their graduation ability in jeopardy. SB: Agree that this is not doing justice to the students and that we should return to the regular/original policy. **SB; Motion to vote that we return to pre-COVID policy regarding probation and dismissal. SH; second. Approved via hand raise function in the chat.**
You may review current policy prior to the meeting at: <https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/catalog/2020-21-grad-catalog.pdf>
- III. Curriculum action:
You may log in and review prior to the meeting at:
<https://apps.winthrop.edu/courseaction/>
 - a. Drop course: PETE512: removing content redundancy – **SB; motion to approve both course changes. SH; second. Both course changes approved via hand raise function in chat.**

- b. Modify course: PETE566: adding evidence of certification through an approved agency as a prerequisite
 - c. New Program: CERT-CRWR: using the existing courses to offer a professional certificate in Creative Writing to graduate students. SB: These are to help funnel students into the full MA program by enticing them with the certificate programs.
 - d. New Program: CERT-DRWR: using the existing courses to offer a professional certificate in Digital Rhetoric and Writing to graduate students. **SH; motion to approve. SB; second. Both approved via hand raise function in chat.**
- IV. Graduate Faculty Status Requests
- a. Dr. Brandon Ranallo-Benavidez – **SB; motion to approve Dr. BRB for graduate faculty status. Tomoko Deguchi (TD); second. Approved via hand raise function in chat.**
- V. Graduate Petitions - none
- VI. Adjournment – SB; motion to adjourn. SH; second.

Future 2020-2021 Meeting Dates (Online in Blackboard Collaborate)

April 20, Tuesday, 11:00 am

Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:

<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-faculty-governance.aspx>

Curriculum Action System Access (click on as Graduate Council Chair)

<https://apps.winthrop.edu/courseaction/>

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