

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes
December 1, 2020, Online in Blackboard Collaborate, 11 am

Members present: Anna Romanova (Chair), Lisa Harris, Siobhan Brownson, Sherry Hoyle, Jennifer Jordan, Tomoko Deguchi, Hope Johnson, and Alexis Brindley. Non-members present: Jack DeRochi, April Hershey, Eric Birgbauer, Gina Jones, Greg Oakes, Katie Dykhuis, Steve Frankforter, and Tim Druke.

- I. Announcements - none
- II. Approval of minutes from October 23, 2020. See the link below for minutes: <https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/gc-m-minutes-10232020.pdf> – Sherry Hoyle (SH) provided motion to approve, Tomoko Deguchi (TD) as second. Minutes unanimously approved by hand vote through chat function.
- III. Report from the Graduate Dean, Jack DeRochi (JD): Graduate Education Week is tentatively scheduled for February 15 – 19, 2021, virtual 3-Minute Graduate Showcase (3MGS) competition to rename the 3MT to be more inclusive but will provide a similar format. Flyer and emails to go out this week to help promote participation. 3MGS will be a virtual competition as students will be submitting videos. The competition will “air” on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Greg Oakes (GO): Information sessions are Wednesday (12/2) and Thursday (12/3) at noon. January sessions have yet to be created but will be shared when ready.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Review of 500-level courses instructions for the Curriculum Application System: Instructions for faculty on how to properly indicate the added rigor for new or changed courses in the system. The SACSCOC standard states that the program must be structured, not just the courses so the program will make the determination and then the courses must follow. AR will put the suggested language in a Google Doc so that voting members may review, make suggested edits, etc. Will try to have a final version ready for January meeting.
- V. New Business
 - a. Discussion of probation and dismissal policy for Fall 2020: Grade of CR assigned for grades of C+ and C. Graduate Council approved a similar policy over summer but GFA changed it at the last meeting to only include C+ and C and to award a B- where earned. It was only applicable for Fall 2020, not retroactive to summer. No students dismissed in spring 2020. TimD: At the undergraduate level there is a low likelihood that GPA will fall below 3.0. Probation will continue and any possible dismissals will be reviewed individually. JD: The probation policy for Fall 2020 is the normal probation. What about dismissals for the end of this semester? During COVID we do not remove students from probation (if they were to be dismissed). Do we continue this practice or do we dismiss? AR: What combination of letter grades would lead to <3.0? JD: If a student takes one course, a B- would be below a 3.0 but a lot of different equations of more than one course grade could result in less than a 3.0 that could result in dismissal if they were previously on probation. SB: Not a fan of this policy and feels that this is not the right time to make this change. Keeping the CR policy will not affect program integrity. AR: How many students do we have on probation? April Hershey (AH): At the end of summer, we had 11 either new or continued probation. AR: Can students retake a course where they earn a CR to earn an actual grade later? Gina Jones (GJ): Yes, which is why we limited it to 9 credit hours as most programs have a stricter limit on C’s. SB: Motion to continue the spring

2020 to not dismiss at the end of fall 2020. SH: 2nd. Motion passed by hand vote through chat function.

You may review current policy prior to the meeting at:

<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/catalog/2020-21-grad-catalog.pdf>

- b. Provisional admission revision: JD: Katie Dykhuis (KD) pulled together some great data regarding our provisionally admitted students and the bottom line is that these students are successful. We know within the first semester if these students are going to make it. We want to simplify the policy by removing the connection to hours. Proposed policy change is at the end of this document. AR: Clarification requested about the deletion of the financial aid verbiage. JD: Because any financial aid connection is not part of the academic policy. SB: Motion to accept the revised provisional admission policy be accepted. SH: 2nd. Motion passed by hand vote through chat function.

VI. Curriculum action:

You may log in and review prior to the meeting at:

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

- a. Modify course: MLED591 – GJ: This course did not have a pre-requisite listed so the professors and department chair were contacted to clarify. In an effort to prevent any student from registering, “admission to the Teacher Education program” was added. SB: Motion to approve this modification. SH: 2nd. Motion passed by hand vote through chat function. Email votes submitted by Jennifer Dixon-McKnight. and Tracy Griggs to approve.
- b. Modify course: READ645 – modification did not require a vote.
- c. Program Change: Modify MED-LTRC: Reducing the number of hours from 36 to 33 in preparation for a fully online delivery mode, updating program information. SB: Motion to approve program changes. SH: 2nd. Motion passed by hand vote through chat function. Email votes submitted by Jennifer Dixon-McKnight and Tracy Griggs to approve.

VII. Graduate Faculty Status Requests

- a. Tammy T. White – SB: Motion to approve as graduate faculty. Jennifer Jordan provided 2nd. Motion passed by hand vote through chat function. Email votes submitted by Jennifer Dixon-McKnight and Tracy Griggs to approve.

VIII. Graduate Petitions - none

Voting Graduate Council members can access the petitions through MS Teams at

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>

IX. Adjournment approved at 11:59 am.

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

January 22, Friday, 2:00 pm

March 9, Tuesday, 11:00 am

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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Provisional Admission

Applicants are provisionally admitted to a graduate program when their application suggests a reasonable probability of success but falls below standards for full admission in no more than one of the following ways:

- Previous academic record is weak.
- Prerequisite coursework is limited or insufficient.
- Applicant's previous program of study is not directly related to the intended

graduate program.

- Other requirements unique to individual graduate program.

A student who is admitted provisionally must maintain a 3.0 GPA and earn no grade below a B- during his or her provisional period. The provisional period is defined as either the first semester (min. 6 credit hours) or the first two semesters (if the student takes fewer than six credit hours during the first semester).

~~A student may take up to 12 graduate hours as a provisionally admitted student. Upon successful completion of coursework as a provisionally admitted student, the student will be fully admitted to the program by the Graduate School. During their first 12 graduate credit hours, a provisionally admitted student must maintain a cumulative gpa of 3.0 and may not receive a grade of C+ or lower. If the provisionally admitted student fails to maintain a cumulative gpa of 3.0 or receives a C+ or lower during this provisional period, within his or her first 12 graduate hours, the student is dismissed from graduate study.~~

~~Full admission may be granted after fewer than 12 hours based on the provisionally admitted student's strong academic performance and the recommendation of the graduate program director. A course in which the provisional student chooses to withdraw before the withdrawal deadline will not be included in this calculation. 12-hour limit. A provisional student who chooses to withdraw from a course within his or her first 12 hours may not be eligible for financial aid the following semester, because a student seeking financial aid must be enrolled in at least six semester hours. Students provisionally admitted to cohort graduate programs requiring more than 12 hours in a specific sequence must receive a B- or higher in all courses.~~

~~A provisional student dismissed from graduate study may apply for readmission after 2 academic terms but is no longer eligible for provisional admission. The student may apply for admission to a different graduate program after two academic terms following dismissal.~~

~~Provisionally admitted students are eligible to apply for and receive graduate assistantships and receive the same financial aid benefits as fully admitted students.~~

~~International students who do not meet English Language Proficiency requirements are ineligible for provisional admission.~~