

GRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes
January 24, 2020, Thurmond 208, 2:00 pm

Members present: Siobhan Brownson, Eric Birgbauer, Tomoko Deguchi, Jack DeRochi, Anna Romanova, Amanda Hiner, April Hershey, Melissa Robinson, Lisa Harris, Shawna Helf, Steve Frankfurter, Gina Jones, and Hope Johnson

- I. Announcements – none.
- II. Approval of minutes from December 3, 2019. See the link below for minutes: <https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/gcm-minutes-dec32019.pdf> - *Approved*.
- III. Report from the Graduate Dean, Jack DeRochi – Graduate enrollment (see handout) degree-seeking is 859 and we have never been above 800 in the spring before. Credit hour production is only 500 hours more, but that is because the non-degree numbers are still coming in for spring. Campus based applications and enrollment were flat to a little up for spring and our yield percentage continues to grow thanks to the Slate system making us a lot more efficient. There is still room for growth. The Graduate School has retention data for the first time. While the institution did it in house and in program it was not done on the whole. We have worked with AAAS to build a reporting system. Graduate retention is strong. After fall there were 784 that needed to enroll for spring. Of that, 744 did. That is 94.1%. We are between 77-84% graduation rate after 4 years. Spring 2020 actuals came in far above the projections. SB: Is there retention data on from admission to enrollment to course completion? JD: Admission to enrollment is called yield. Enrollment to course completion is a separate count and might be available by program. If interested in this data, contact the Dean directly. Students that begin a cohort in the fall retain better than those that begin in the spring. Provisionally admitted student communication improved from fall to spring as well. Graduate Education Week – see schedule. Regalia Day, 3MT – would love to see more submissions as the deadline has been extended to Wednesday, January 29, 2020. We have tried to make this event fit Winthrop so please encourage your students to submit. Panel discussion is a cultural event as is the MFA Studio tour. Grad School 101 and dinner.
- IV. Old Business – LJ will email the by-laws with changes marked. February GFA will be online but the last meeting of the semester in April will be in person and that is when the vote will be taken.
- V. New Business
 - a. Revision of Minimum Grade to transfer for Accelerated Academic Programs – explanation given by EB & JD. Students would NOT begin a program on probation. This cleans up the policy operationally as well as for the students. GJ: There is no way to tell DegreeWorks that C's do not count. EB: Is there any way that individual programs can determine increased rigor to say that a B- must be earned to transfer? GJ: This would have to be built separately in DW. JD: Since he and Gina were the

ones to bring this forward, if this is approved it should then go to GFA for a final vote. *Approved via verbal vote.*

- VI. Curriculum action
You may log in and review prior to the meeting at:
<https://apps.winthrop.edu/courseaction/display.aspx>
 - a. No curriculum actions requiring a vote
Course actions not requiring a vote. For review only
 - b. New course: NUTR619: Macronutrient Metabolism

- VII. Graduate Faculty Status Requests
 - a. Larry B. Fisher – *Approved via verbal vote.*

- VIII. Graduate Petitions
Voting Graduate Council members can access the petitions through the Records and Registration Intranet at <https://www.winthrop.edu/recandreg/faculty-and-staff-services.aspx>
 - a. Graduate Petition 2019-20-13: Taking increased hours while on probation – *approved by electronic vote*

- IX. Adjournment – 2:35 pm

Future 2019-2020 Meeting Dates (Thurmond 208)

March 10, Tuesday, 11:00 am: Thurmond 208
April 21, Tuesday, 11:00 am: Thurmond 208

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/display.aspx>

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