

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Agenda, November 19, 2021, 2pm (combined with Faculty Conference)
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I. Call to Order

Called to order at 4:38 PM

II. Welcoming Remarks

Eric Birgbauer
Graduate Faculty Assembly Chair

Quorum of graduate faculty attendees (53)

III. Approval of minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from April 23, 2021
Please find the minutes at the bottom of this agenda.

The minutes for the April 23, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Adrienne McCormick

Dr. McCormick presented her remarks during Faculty Conference and did not present here.

V. Report from the Graduate Council

Tracy Griggs
Graduate Council Chair

- Curriculum Action requiring vote – Please refer to the curriculum management system for justification and explanation

Microcertificate for Medical Lactation approved unanimously.

- Review of curriculum items approved by Graduate Council that do not require a GFA vote and are being considered by CUC. – See end of the agenda for list
- Graduate Faculty Status (since last GFA meeting)
 - Dr. Anthony (Tony) Strange, Program Director, Clinic Director and Certification Coordinator for Counseling, COE
 - Dr. Patricia Arter, Professor and Department Chair of Counseling and Leadership Studies, COE
 - Dr. Jessie Hoffman, Assistant Professor of Nutrition Sciences, COE
 - Dr. Joyce White, English

GFA welcomed four new members.

- Petitions - See end of the agenda for list

Six Graduate petitions presented, no vote required.

VI. Report from the Acting Dean of the Graduate School

Greg Oakes

Dr. Oakes noted that

- *Graduate enrollment can improve with good marketing by taking advantage of being in the Charlotte metropolitan area.*
- *He discussed programs to improve students transitioning from undergraduate to graduate studies like 4+1 programs and undergraduate research.*
- *He presented information about Graduate Education Week activities and related program events. Departments are welcome to have special events during that time, and the Graduate School can provide support.*
- *The Graduate School staff have met with students and Deans to better understand why some students are not successful in their studies.*
- *He noted the extraordinary dedication from graduate students.*
- *He concluded by thanking graduate faculty members for their hard work and reach out to him if they have any questions*
There were no questions.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business.

IX. Announcements

There were no additional announcements.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

Curriculum Items that require a GFA vote

Program Changes approved by Graduate Council:

- a. Add Program: Microcertificate in Medical Lactation

Curriculum Items that do not require a GFA vote

Program Changes approved by Graduate Council:

- a. none

Curriculum items approved by Graduate Council that have been sent to CUC for consideration:

- a. Modify ENTR579: Business Plan Development
- b. Modify BIOL505 Primate Biology (3).
- c. Modify BIOL507 Advanced Environmental Biology
- d. Modify BIOL508 Invertebrate Biology (4:3:3).
- e. Modify BIOL510 Vertebrate Natural History (4:2:4).
- f. Modify BIOL511 Ornithology (4:2:4).
- g. Modify BIOL517 Human Genetics (3).
- h. Modify BIOL518 Animal Behavior (3).
- i. Modify BIOL519 Mechanisms of Disease (3:3:0).
- j. Modify BIOL522 Immunology (4:2:4).
- k. Modify BIOL524 Advanced Botany (3).
- l. Modify BIOL525 Mycology (4:3:3).
- m. Modify BIOL526 Applied Microbiology (4:2:4).
- n. Modify BIOL528 Biology of Bone
- o. Modify BIOL529 Stem Cell Biology (4:3:3)
- p. Modify BIOL530 Current Methods in Microscopy
- q. Modify BIOL539 Neuroscience and Disease
- r. Modify BIOL540 Special Topics in Biology (3).
- s. Modify BIOL551 Conservation Biology
- t. Modify BIOL552A Conservation Biology Practicum A. Travel Field
- u. Conservation Biology
- v. Modify BIOL552B Conservation Biology Practicum B. Field Conservation
- w. Biology in the Local Community
- x. Modify BIOL555 Molecular Biology (3).
- y. Modify BIOL560 Bioinformatics (3:3:0).
- z. Modify BIOL570 Introduction to Biological Statistics
- aa. Modify NUTR521 Nutritional Biochemistry and Metabolism (3).
- bb. Modify NUTR527 Medical Nutrition Therapy (4).
- cc. Modify VCOM578 578. Professional Portfolio and Practices (3:0:6).

Petitions:

- a. Petition 1: Student petition for readmission after dismissal was approved with the support of their advisor and program director.

- b. Petition 2: Student petition was approved *with modification*, (as suggested by their student advisor, graduate director, and Dean), to count 15 (rather than the requested 18) prior earned hours toward a second MBA in Finance.
- c. Petition 3: Because the capstone project is now a paper instead of a thesis, student petitions to extend the 6-year time limit so that they can return and finish the MA in Arts Administration. *Approved*
- d. Petition 4: Student petitions to extend the 6 year time limit on courses they took in a previous tenure at Winthrop. *Approved*
- e. Petition 5: Student petitioned to have a course from a program at USC counted. *Approved.*
- f. Petition 6: Student requests that their coursework be applied after the 6 year limit. *Approved with modifications.*