

Winthrop University Graduate Faculty Assembly
Agenda, November 30, 2018, 2pm (combined with Faculty Conference)
Barnes Recital Hall

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 4:23 pm.
- II. Welcoming Remarks Lisa Harris
Graduate Faculty Assembly Chair
Dr. Lisa Harris informed the body that we do have a quorum.
- III. Approval of minutes of the Graduate Faculty Assembly from September 28, 2018
Dr. Jo Koster motioned to approve minutes. All approved.
- IV. Report from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Debra Boyd
No formal report.
- V. Report from the Graduate Council Tracy Griggs
Graduate Council Chair
- Curriculum Action requiring vote
 - 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
 - Review of curriculum items approved at the college level that do not require a GFA vote – See end of the agenda
 - Review of curriculum items approved by Graduate Council that do not require a GFA vote. – See end of the agenda
 - Graduate Faculty Status
The question was asked during our last Graduate Faculty Assembly about why faculty have to wait for one year to apply for graduate status. Dr. Griggs discussed the desire for demonstrated experience and dedication to graduate education before a faculty member can be involved in governance at the graduate level. If someone comes in with experience, they can apply that time toward their application.
Graduate Faculty Status was awarded to: Dr. Valerie Jepson (World Languages and Culture), Dr. Jessica Yang (Social Work), Dr. Anthony Hill (Social Work), Dr. Christopher Ward (Social Work), Dr. Allan Nail (English)
- VI. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School Jack DeRochi
Dr. DeRochi served as an external reviewer for
Travel and research funding available for our graduate students for conferences and presentations. This is also open to help students work on their research (if they need to go somewhere to do field work or archival work). There is approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 dollars available.

AAAS working on retention data. Trying to capture from an institutional perspective.

Dr. Oakes asked about the portal for the two-minute thesis. He wanted to know if we are getting any applications. Dr. DeRochi wasn't sure and said he would check.

Application for Excellence in Graduate Studies is available.

Dr. DeRochi spoke of the beauty and excitement of the December commencement.

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Announcements

Our next meeting is February 22.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Yearata

GFA Secretary