

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Winthrop University
Friday, January 20, 2023
2pm
Tillman 308

Members present: Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, Dustin Hoffman, Tim Drueke, Sherry Hoyle, Brantley Therrell, Stephanie Sutton, Kori Bloomquist, Lisa Harris, Gina Jones, Jack DeRochi, Tong Strange, Vanessa Valdez, Gabby Jacobsen, Nicholas Moellman and Tracy Griggs.

I. Announcements

KB (Kori Bloomquist): I'd just like to announce that I'm grateful to everyone for voting while I was away to keep me in. So thank you. JDM (Jennifer Dixon-McKnight): African American Studies has collaborated with the Pettis archives for an exhibition of African American Studies artifacts, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the program. February 9th from 4-6pm in the archives. There's a short program at the beginning but mostly drop-in with refreshments. It will be on exhibit the rest of the semester.

II. Approval of minutes November 29, 2022. See the link below for minutes:

<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Graduate-Council-Minutes-11-29-22-Revised.pdf>

JDM: motion to approve? DH (Dustin Hoffman). Second: VV (Vanessa Valdez), SH (Sherry Hoyle). Approved by acclimation vote.

III. Report from the Graduate School Dean, Jack DeRochi

JD (Jack DeRochi): we'll I've been back for a total of three minutes so there's no major report. But I do have a few things to share. The enrollment for spring should hit the number that we needed. We're not expected to be up, but the budget was built on a certain number, and the undergrads are up and grads are down, so overall we're getting to the number we needed. And all indications are good for fall numbers. It's not just that applications are up, as that doesn't really mean anything. But it's tied to changes that Joseph Miller and the enrollment team made. Accelerated acceptances, accelerated financial aid packages. In the market search inquiries are down, applications are flat and admissions and enrollment are up significantly. Which tells that the marketing is targeting Winthrop students. It's all positive data. Grad enrollment is down across the country, Wiley sees it across all their platforms. We have 836 degree seeking students. With the launch of 100% online programs we haven't raised the ceiling but we have raised the floor. Fall of 2018 we had 715 with 88 in

online. Yes, we're down but we're down from our height. VV (Vanessa Valdez): in-seat MBA numbers are up. Is this a trend for others or significant for us? JD: I can't answer that question, I just haven't gotten into the data yet. But we are looking to expand the portfolio of offerings to expand adult ed to competency based education, which will potentially have a positive impact on graduate education, in expanding access to students. VV: it's an awesome idea. But making sure there are enough resources behind it. JD: I have a guarantee from President Serna of a budget of about \$5,000. I'm excited to be back in this room, excited to be back working with our faculty.

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business

a. Changes in Graduate Council

i. Robert Prickett is no longer at Winthrop University which led to the following changes on the Council:

1. Jack DeRochi has returned to the role of Graduate School Dean
2. Greg Oakes has returned to the College of Arts and Sciences and serves as the Graduate Director for CAS

ii. Alice McLaine will serve as the Faculty Conference Chair for the 2023 spring semester

b. CourseDog - <https://app.coursedog.com/#/login>

JDM: curriculum actions in CourseDog is fully operational, and we're no longer using the other curriculum system. Gina was kind enough to share some references for us. But I think it works pretty well.

i. Select Curriculum, then Proposals.

ii. Use the filter to select the following: Status (pending); workflow (course workflow and program workflow); current workflow step (Graduate Council). You can create a Saved view (upper right corner of page) so that you don't have to re-do the filters each time you're looking for items in the GR Council queue.

VI. Curriculum action - None

VII. Graduate Petitions (only voting members receive these)

Petitions requiring a vote:

Petition 1 - Student is requesting "Extension of 6-year time limit" in order to complete the Post-Graduate Certification in School Counseling

TS (Tony Strange): this is typically the student that we get. They are required to complete their masters, and for most this was about 8-10 years ago. 21 hours are required and can transfer in 9 hours. They still have to complete 4 courses,

with very few exceptions. So she has been working 8-9 years in community mental health and wants to work in schools. There is a shortage of counselors in North and South Carolina, and the schools prefer someone working in the area. She has finished in December and has a job offer, but working on the transfer of credits so she can be certified by the state. The reason for the extension is that she completed her masters over 6 years ago. DH: it sounds like this will set a precedent for other students? TS: so as schools are now requiring mental health counselors in the schools, on a 12 month contract. School counselors are a 9 month contract and make more money, so people are now starting to see the discrepancy as it's more visible and wanting to get the certificate. JDM: as you are this student's advisor you aren't permitted to vote. *JDM: motion to approve? NM (Nicholas Moellman). Second: DH. Approved by acclimation vote.*

VIII. Adjournment

JDM: do we have a motion to adjourn? SS (Stephanie Sutton): I do have a few questions as a newcomer. What is the benefit of the invitees leaving for the vote? JDM: they aren't voting members so they don't need to stay. SS: to protect the students? JDM: it might be that they don't have to, but that's just the way that it works. SS: and if there was a petition by a CVPA student I would also have to leave as Tony did? JDM: no, he was the student's advisor so it's a conflict of interest. If there's a CVPA student but you aren't their advisor you would stay for that vote. SS: I'm not sure where it stands with the Music department, but do I need to meet with Elisa and Robert first before coming to these meetings? JDM: if there is something that needs to come forth then yes, but if it's just normal business then it's not necessary. SS: I'm not sure if anyone else has had this issue, but it's not looked at well to have graduates in the same school as they received their undergraduate. So I'm having trouble being able to truly recruit our own undergrads. NM: I'm familiar with that perspective but we don't have a terminal degree offered here so we don't have that issue. DH: I've found that it's becoming more about what you do with the major than where you got it. But we also don't offer a terminal degree. It seems a shame though, is this a college policy? SS: it's not a college policy but the process is not regarded well. And I also agree that they need to go and see and hear other perspectives. But maybe I need to talk with Lorrie.

JDM: adjourned.

2022-2023 Meeting Dates

Friday, October 21 at 2pm

Tuesday, November 29 at 11am

Friday, January 20 at 2pm

Tuesday, March 7 at 11am

Tuesday, April 18 at 11am

Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:

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

CourseDog

<https://app.coursedog.com/#/login>

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