

GRADUATE COUNCIL
Winthrop University
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Tillman 308

Members present: Dustin Hoffman, Nicholas Moellman, Jessie Hoffman, (Edward) Charles Randle, Cody Walters, Stephanie Sutton, Gina Jones, Lorrie Crochet, Brantley Therrell, Jack DeRochi, Sherry Hoyle, Tony Strange, Lisa Harris, Chris Ward and Gabby Jacobsen

- I. Announcements
DH (Dustin Hoffman): Nothing really new, besides our two new voting members, Charles Randle from the College of Business, and Jessie Hoffman, from the College of Arts and Sciences. So a welcome to those folks. And this might be more new business, but I wanted to propose meeting online for next meeting, January 19th. On Fridays it's tricky for pickups with kids and things like that. Is everyone ok with meeting online? Anyone oppose? Ok, zoom for next meeting. And then back in person for the Tuesdays when most of us are on campus.
- II. Approval of minutes October 20, 2023. See the link below for minutes:
<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-council-minutes.aspx>
Motion to approve: NM (Nicholas Moellman). Second: SS (Stephanie Sutton).
Approved by acclamation vote.
- III. Report from the Graduate School Dean, Jack DeRochi
JD (Jack DeRochi): wondering if there was a connection to the briefness of the last meeting as I wasn't there. That was just a month ago and I had submitted a report. Also you would have heard it if you were at GFA. Essentially enrollment fall to fall was down 10%, spring to spring is down 10% as well. Seeing some indications that the graduate school enrollment market is quickening. More activity for campus based and online. We have two new cohorts, in the College of Education, Sport and Human Sciences, with Counseling and Ed Leadership. Wiley is being acquired by Academic Partnerships, if you saw that in the news. This will not affect our partnership, but may actually help to broaden our work. Final note, I did tell this body in that report, the renaming/rebranding will happen over the spring but doesn't affect graduate faculty governance. This is just a school for housing those faculty who serve adult students. And I hope you can all make commencement on December 16th.
- IV. Old Business – None
- V. New Business – None
DH: I don't have anything aside from moving our next meeting to zoom.
- VI. Curriculum action – Please review these prior to the meeting by logging into [Coursedog](#)
DH: you can always go to Coursedog to review these but I'll also send the pdf as well. Glad we have a few business folks so they can help clarify some of these items.

We have two modify programs, so I think we can vote on those together. They are both on business.

Curriculum Changes Requiring a Vote:

1) Modify Program: Master of Business Administration in Business Administration
DH: in summary, allowing for more electives that should make the degree more flexible to help with matriculation. Keeps folks graduating.

2) Modify Program: Master of Science in Accounting and Analytics
DH: believe it is just a name change to incorporate the STEM designation. There does seem to be interesting marketability notes on there. Would make us one of the only programs in SC. ECR (Edward Charles Randle): that's a good summary. I am Accounting. There is a national change, moving to more classified STEM. There are more federal initiatives focused on the STEM. We'd be the first, definitely not the last, in SC. The world is moving that way. NM: allows international students to add an additional year on their visa. Something we've also talked about with undergrad as well. Hoping to help attract international students.

Motion to approve: SH (Sherry Hoyle), Second: SS / TS (Tony Strange).
Approved by acclimation vote.

3) Edit Course: BIOL 513 Organic Evolution

4) Edit Course: ENTR 579 Business Plan Development

DH: both of these are updating the prerequisites to reflect current course offerings. But I don't think it affects anything in current grad offerings, just for undergrads in 500 level. GJ (Gina Jones): there were a few errors that I corrected. I added justification. And clarified the prerequisites were directly related to undergrad.

Motion to approve: NM, Second: SS. Approved by acclimation vote.

5) Create New Course: MGMT 583 Logistics and Distribution Design, Implementation, and Analytics

DH: I noted that on the prerequisites it didn't state graduate status, so that should be added. At least on Coursedog last I looked. In the past we've approved with that change in mind. GJ: I can update that. DH: this was a good justification, reflecting Grey data that this was a course of interest of folks and meets market demands. SS: does it matter that the course level is still showing as undergrad? I'm looking at the first page, course level is undergrad. GJ: will touch base with

Karen. DH: so long as those changes are reflected, I think we can still vote to approve.

Motion to approve: ECR, Second: SS. Approved by acclimation vote.

VII. Graduate Petitions – None

JD: do you all meet for last minute petitions in December as well? GJ: there usually is something on reading day that comes through. LH (Lisa Harris): we’ve done them virtually in the past. JD: great, I just want everyone to be aware of those last minute petitions. And I do have another note to make. We have secured a digital licensing program for digital badges that integrates with Blackboard Ultra. We have worked through new procedures for digital badging as it relates to micro certificates. It makes visible professional competencies. This body will have the opportunity to review that policy. We’re really excited. Allows student to showcase their skills. DH: thank you for the reminder of the petitions. We were doing a lot over the summer and Jennifer had handled them over email. I’ll try and follow in her footsteps. CW (Chris Ward): we’ll have one. TS: we’ll have two.

VIII. Adjournment

2023-2024 Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 11:00 am
- Friday, October 20, 2023 at 2:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 11:00 am
- Friday, January 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 11:00 am
- Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 11:00 am

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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