

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**November 9, 2016**

**Members Present:** Annie Childers, Brian Berry, Jeff Hamm, Sung-Kwan Kim, LaVerne Bell-Tolliver, Gail Hughes, Michael DeAngelis, Mary Yang, Kwasi Boateng, Karen Kuralt, Jerry Stevenson, John Siegel, Monica Davidson

**Members Absent:** Tansel Karabacak, Roger Dorsey, Kent Layton, Menjun Xie

**Others Present:** Abhijit Bhattacharyya, Lucas Crosland, Dana Steele, Kristi Wright

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Dr. Brian Berry.

**Old Business**

Minutes from October 26, 2016, approved.

**New Business**

Report of the Curriculum Committee

***College of Arts, Letters, and Science***

16-6030 New Course STAT 4342/5342

16-6045 New Course MATH 7390

16-6046 New Course MATH ~~8301~~ 7396

16-6047 Program Change Mathematical Science

***College of Education and Health Professions***

16-6050 Program Change Gerontology

***College of Engineering and Information Technology***

16-6032 New Program 4+1 Construction Management

16-6052 CIS Changes to Catalog Copy

16-6053 New Certificate Program- Estimating Management

16-6054 Construction Management Program Change

***College of Social Sciences and Communication***

16-6049 Admissions Change Public Administration

*All approved.*

## Report of Personnel Committee

### ***Graduate Faculty Status Nominees for Affiliate Status***

Jennifer Dodson	M.Ed. (Ph.D. in process)	UALR (Director of Student Exp.)	RHET
Hanan Mahdi	Doctorate	UALR	PHYS/ASTR
Ramjee Prasad	Doctorate	Aalborg Uni., Denmark	SYEN
Jiayin Wang	Doctorate	Xi'an Jiaotong Uni., China	EIT
Hongyun Zhang	Doctorate	Xi'an Jiaotong Uni., China	EIT

*All approved.*

## Report of Policies Committee

- Discussion of draft of possible dual master's policy (see attached)

### **Dean's Report**

- Embedded certificates: working on making admission to certificate programs automatic when admitted to relevant programs
- There are about 700 students a year who graduate with an adequate GPA (3.2+) who could partake in 4+1 programs if we had them in fields they were interested in and/or if they knew about the programs.
  - Possible 4+1 workshop for programs, "how-to make your own 4+1 program"
- GSA travel award is taking applications- suggestion that application allow for proof of submission of abstract, with award being dispersed pending proof of acceptance to conference
- U.S. Today rankings (see attached)
  - UALR would rather be in the National Universities category and not ranked than high on just a regional list.
- Next meetings:
  - Curriculum subcommittee will meet November 21, 2016.
  - Council will meet next on November 30, 2016. This will be the final meeting of the semester.

### **Open Forum**

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Brian Berry at 4:17 p.m.

