

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
Graduate Council Minutes
April 15, 2009

Members Present: Hunter, Kuralt, McAlpine, Swingen, Lindsay, Jennings, James, Gentry, Moak

Members Absent: Bailey, Syler, Dickerson, Wood, Anderson, Bhattacharyya, Turturro, Grace, Hall, Robison

Others Present: Lewis, Pellicane, Shelton; George Jensen (Rhetoric & Writing), Dale Zacher (Mass Communication), Richard Hanson (Chemistry), John Bush (Biology), Shawn Gann (CPS)

Approval of March 18, 2009 minutes *Approved*

Old Business: *none*

New Business:

Report of Curriculum Sub-Committee

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

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| (09-1048) Rhetoric and Writing--Editing Concentration | (program change) | <i>approved</i> |
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College of Professional Studies

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| (09-1103) SOWK 8238 Women & Family Issues in Social Work | (new course) -- <i>*tabled: no representation</i> | |
| (09-1104) MCOM 4381/5381 Public Relations Cases | (dual-listing; new graduate course) – <i>returned for Undergraduate Council signature</i> | |
| (09-1105) Graduate Certificate in Strategic Communication | (new program) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1112) MCOM 7350 PR for 21 st Century Non-Profits | (new course) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1106) AUSP 8104 Research Project I | (course deletion) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1107) AUSP 8204 Research Project II | (course deletion) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1108) JOUR 5340 Newspaper Publishing | (course deletion) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1110) JOUR 7345 Scholastic Journalism | (course deletion) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1109) JOUR (see list) | (Alpha changes from JOUR to MCOM) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1111) Master of Arts in Journalism | (program change) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1113) JOUR 5360 Editorial Writing | (Alpha & number change; GRAD only) | <i>approved</i> |

College of Science and Math

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| (09-1114) CHEM 4342/5342 Environmental Chemistry | (new course) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1115) CHEM 4321/5321 Biochemistry II | (new course) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1146) CHEM 4420/5420 Biochemistry | (name change) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1116) CHEM 4330 History of Chemistry | (number change; dual listing request) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1134) Graduate Certificate Geospatial | (program change) – <i>*tabled: no representation</i> | |
| (09-1139) BIOL 7410 Phylogenetic Analysis | (new course) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1142) BIOL 4312/5312 Population & Community Ecology | (new course) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1143) BIOL 4425/5425 Forensic DNA Biology | (new course) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1144) BIOL 4426/5426 Plant and Human Nutrition | (new course) | <i>approved</i> |
| (09-1146) CHEM 4420/5420 Biochemistry | (name change) | <i>approved</i> |

Report of Personnel Sub-Committee

Affiliate

Darryl B. Holloman, Ph.D Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs,
Columbus State University

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approved

Other Business:

Meeting Schedule for remainder of semester:

April 22 Curriculum Sub-committee meets at **2:00***

April 29 Personnel Sub-committee meets at 2:45
Graduate Council meets at 3:00

May 6 Graduate Council Year-end meeting (includes coordinators)
3:00-5:00 in DSC Cal Ledbetter Conference Room A

Associate Dean's Report:

Dr. Lewis noted that some students in Master's programs make last-minute Graduate Certificate graduation applications with the intention of gaining an additional document. Such applications cannot be accommodated.

In light of some recent unfortunate outcomes in thesis supervision, Dr. Lewis noted that the Council needs to revisit the topic of Graduate Faculty status.

Dean's Report:

Dr. Pellicane reported that he received a spreadsheet outlining all the graduate programs and the Graduate Assistantship distribution.

The Dean will look at some Graduate Education policies over the summer to determine which have merit. Any proposals he makes will be backed by data or national best practices.

Dr. Pellicane has received the remainder of the set of pamphlets issued by the Council of Graduate Schools. There are complete sets in the library, as well as the Graduate School. He also acquired 100 copies of a pamphlet on the Graduate Student/mentor relationship.

Adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

**one hour earlier than the usual meeting time*