

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
April 29, 2015

Members Present: Tansel Karabacak, Coskun Bayrak, Brian Berry, Shaun Thomas, Gaurav Kumar, Karen Kuralt, Michael DeAngelis, Marjorie Williams-Smith, Jim Grover, Gail Hughes, Roger Dorsey, John Siegel, Dan Berleant, Kent Layton, and Emily Davis.

Members Absent: Vickie Edwards and Paige Buffington.

Others Present: Larry Beachler, Paula Casey, and Dana Steele.

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. Kent Layton.

Discussion with Financial Aid

Dr. Layton introduced Carlia Smith, the director of Financial Aid. Carlia discussed graduate financial aid basics and took questions from GC members.

Basics: all programs, in order to be eligible for financial aid, must be reviewed by the Department of Education. This is part of a longer process required to make a program federal financial aid eligible; those proposing a new program should submit their paperwork as early as possible in order to begin this process.

- Students must be taking at least 5 hours a semester in order to receive federal aid loans.

Financial aid and graduate certificates: According to federal regulations and university policy, GCs must require 18 semester hours, lasting at least 30 weeks, in order to be eligible for financial aid. The program duration must meet the Department of Education's definition of an academic year.

- Students can take longer than a year to complete the program, but the program must take at least an academic year.

International Student Award: Dean Casey just received the criteria for the international award, and she will forward it to the GC.

GA positions: A student's holding of a GA position generally does not affect his or her financial aid eligibility. Exceptions may occur if the position is grant-funded and the funding is high enough to affect eligibility. The TEACH grant may have other stipulations; Carlia will research this and let the GC know.

The GC thanks Carlia for her time and assistance.

Old Business

Minutes from 4/15 approved.

New Business

Report from Curriculum Committee

College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences

15-1126 MASL Admissions Requirement Change

15-1127 MASL Program Change

15-1128 LANG 7360 New Course

All approved.

College of Business

15-1123 MACC Program Suspension

15-1124 ACCT Certificate Suspension

15-1125 TAXN Certificate Suspension

All approved.

College of Education and Health Professions

15-1119 EDAS Med Program Change

15-1120 EDAS EdS Program Change

15-1121 EDAS EdD Admissions Requirement Change

15-1129 HHPS 7397 New Course

15-1130 TAVP Catalog Change

15-1131 CURR Program Change

15-1132 CURR Catalog Change

15-1133 TCED Program Change

15-1134 MCED Program Change

15-1135 MCED Program Change

15-1136 READ Multiple Changes

15-1137 READ Program Change

15-1138 READ Admissions Requirement Change

15-1139 READ Program Change

15-1140 READ New Med Concentration

15-1141 READ New Certificate Program

All approved.

College of Engineering and Information Technology

15-1122 IFSC New Program

15-1075 CPSC Admissions Requirement Change

All approved.

Report from Personnel Committee

Recommendation for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status

Braswell, Kevin	Doctorate	Hendrix College	EDLR
Lopez, Maya	Doctorate	UAMS	EDLR
Raschke, Carl	Doctorate	U. of Denver	PTWR
Sample, Lisa	Doctorate	U. of Nebraska-Omaha	CRJU

Sawyer, Romona Master's LRSD EDLR
All approved.

Recommendation for Full Graduate Faculty Status

Martin, Londie Doctorate UALR PTWR
Approved.

Dean's Report

- The PDF version of the 2014-2015 graduate catalog is being removed from the website. From now on, the graduate catalog will be published primarily online. A few will be printed for Graduate School and library use.
- Dean Casey will be emailing the program coordinators soon to discuss their program's summer arrangements.
- Currently, the Graduate School does not have an official rule on the minimum requirements for an applicant's graduate-level work. Dean Casey asked the GC to be thinking about the proper standards and language for this rule, which will hopefully be proposed in the fall.

Open Forum

- Discussion occurred about whether students must enroll in classes every semester before they graduate. The rule is continuous enrollment, and the Graduate School recommends that current students enroll in at least one hour of classes during every spring and fall semester. The exact hour requirements for this rule should be clarified by the GC.
- Discussion occurred about whether summer graduate assistants must be enrolled in classes. The GC will work on articulating a rule for this situation in the fall.
- Dr. Layton thanked the GC for their hard work this year.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Layton at 3:17 p.m.