

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**December 1, 2004**

Members Present: R. Barreto, D. McAlpine, C. Nahrwold, J. Swingen, S. Minsker, I. Duyar, A. Lindsay, D. Rose (alt), A. Bevernitz, D. Kelly, J. Wayne, R. Sikes, J. Darsey, R. Hegwood, K. Forsyth,

Members Absent: J. Bailey, E. Bashaw, H. Al-Shukri, G. Anderson, A. Hunt, M. James-Barnes, W. Williams, S. McKisick-Hill

Others Present: R. Hanson, K. Walker

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**1. Approval of November 3, 2004 Minutes *Approved***

**2. Old Business:**

**3. New Business:**

**Report of Curriculum Sub-Committee      *All Approved***

**COE**

Educational Leadership

Change to entrance requirements

**CPS**

SPCH 4550/5550

Effective Crisis Communication

New course

*This course investigates and analyzes instances of effective and ineffective crisis communication. Students will examine the internal organizational processes and the larger environment within which various organizations exist focusing on issues such as stakeholders, legal environments, and the larger social and cultural contexts.*

**CSAM**

BIOL 4311/5311

Neurobiology

New Course

*This course examines the functioning of the nervous system, with emphasis on vertebrates—in particular, humans. The course covers the structure and function of neurons as fundamental unit of the nervous system, functional neuroanatomy, and the basic principles of nervous system development.*

BIOL 7199,7299,7399

Selected Topics in Biology

Change in prerequisites

BIOL 7499

Selected Topics in Biology

New Course (offered on demand)

ENHS 3415

Environmental Impact Analysis

Change to dual listing (ENHS 4415/5415); prerequisites

**DCISSE**

BINF 7295

Practical Topics in Science Management

New Course

A survey of practical topics relevant to practicing scientists and engineers such as ethics, project management, and grant writing. While an emphasis is placed on bioinformatics, topics will be of interest to all participating in science and engineering projects.

BINF 8445

Bioinformatics Capstone Project

New Course

This course provides a structured context in which the student completes an individual capstone project for the Master's degree in Bioinformatics. The project draws upon all four core areas of the graduate program and is done under the direction of a project mentor who is a member of the graduate faculty of the UALR/UAMS Joint Graduate Program in Bioinformatics.

**Report of Personnel Sub-Committee**

None

**Report of Program Review Sub-Committee**

None

**4. Other Business:**

The Graduate Council will not meet during the week of finals. The 2005-2006 schedule will reflect this change.

**5. Dean's Report**