

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
February 11, 2015

Members Present: Coskun Bayrak, Tansel Karabacak, Brian Berry, Karen Kuralt, Kent Layton, Michael DeAngelis, Marjorie Williams-Smith, Gaurav Kumar, John Siegel, Dan Berleant, and Emily Davis.

Members Absent: Gail Hughes, Shaun Thomas, Jim Grover, Roger Dorsey, Vickie Edwards, and Paige Buffington.

Others Present: Larry Beachler and Dana Steele.

Meeting called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Dr. Kent Layton.

Old Business

Minutes from 1/28 approved.

New Business

Report from Curriculum Committee

College of Engineering and Information Technology

15-1001 CPSC 5377 New Course

Approved.

Report from Personnel Committee

Graduate faculty status nominees for affiliate status

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| Miles Blanton | Doctorate | UALR | PHYS |
| Sarah Kinder | Doctorate | UAMS | IFSC |
| Richard Nugent | Doctorate | UAMS | IFSC |

All approved.

Dean's Report, given by Dana Steele and Larry Beachler

- The Graduate School is continuing to work on getting its forms online.
- WebNow training for program coordinators will start soon.
- The degree audit system will hopefully be live soon for the Graduate School.
- The GSA travel grant program is currently accepting applications; the deadline is 2/27/2015 at 5:00 p.m.
- The Graduate School has hired for one of the open positions; the hire should start on 2/23. Hiring for one more position is pending.

Open Forum

4+1 Program: although the program has been approved, nothing in Records, Financial Aid, etc. has been set up to process applicants for a specific new 4+1 program. Support from upper levels at the Graduate School will be requested to get these changes started, since an EIT 4+1 program is currently being planned.

Feedback from Dr. Tucker's 2/11 CCF presentation

- Many GC members like the idea of an electronic process for CCFs, but the process presented may not be viable for all programs or solve the main problems with the current process.
- Many would like the CCF process to track a CCF's progress through all the approval stages, and the presented electronic process does not allow for that.

Graduate Faculty Status Form Revisions

- Dr. Berleant has revised the form again; drafts were given to GC members.
- Members discussed and suggested additional revisions, and Dr. Berleant will make the revisions for the next meeting.

Campus Survey: Dr. Layton asked the GC if they would be interested in putting out a survey to all faculty and staff on campus who are involved in graduate student affairs. The survey would ask for feedback on issues and concerns related to graduate education at UALR. The GC discussed it and agreed that such a survey could be very helpful for the GC. Dr. Layton will work on developing one.

Dr. Layton will start giving reports to the GC on the Chancellor's Leadership Group.

Graduate Coordinator Terms

- Dr. Kuralt was asked by Dr. Angela Hunter to bring up the rumored possibility of the administration reducing all graduate coordinators' terms to 9 months; in this situation, chairs would take over during the summer months. The GC discussed the issue and agreed that this term change would negatively affect coordinators, chairs, and students.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Layton at 2:42 p.m.