

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
Graduate Council Minutes
February 13, 2008

Members Present: D. McAlpine, A. Hunter, K. Kuralt, R. Syler, E. Elder, J. Swingen, S. Jennings, G. Anderson, B. Wood, A. Lindsay, M. James, A. Thombre, S. Moak

Members Absent: S. Jennings, A. Bhattacharyya, L. Dickerson, B. Gentry, S. Robison, S. Grace

Others Present: R. Sikes, N. Rego

Approval of January 30, 2008 minutes *Approved*

Old Business: None

New Business:

Report of Curriculum Sub-Committee *All approved*

College of Education

HIED 7351 Introduction in College Student Affairs – Title change
HIED 7354 Organization and Leadership in Student Affairs – Title change
HIED 8157 Professional Seminar in SA – Course Deletion
HIED 8256 First Year Doctoral Seminar in SA - Course Deletion
CCF II Changes to HIED, EdD Concentration – Other
CCF II Changes to HIED, MA Concentration – Other
CCF II Changing two courses from electives to requirements - Other

College of Professional Studies

SOWK 8303 Couples Treatment – New Course
SPCH 4323/5323 Family Communication – Number, Dual-Listing

College of Science and Math

HSCI 4340/5340 Adaptive Physical Education – Title
HSCI 4350/5350 Methods of Teaching Physical Education – Title
HSCI 4378/5378 Organization and Administration of Health Education Programs – Description, Prerequisite

Report of Personnel Sub-Committee

Full *All approved*

Dancy, T. Elon PhD Visiting Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership (COE) *Approved as Affiliate*
Hutchinson, Lisa PhD Associate Professor, Criminal Justice (CPS)
Xi, Jinxiang PhD Assistant Professor, Systems Engineering (DCEIT)

Affiliate *All approved*

Boone, Steven PhD Research Professor, CARE (COE)
Lenin, Rathinasamy PhD Post Doctoral Fellow, Computer Science (DCEIT)
Nagarajan, Radhakrishnan PhD Assistant Professor, Computer Science (DCEIT)
Owens, Don MS Instructor Emeritus, Earth Sciences (CSAM)
Richardson, Teresa EdS Literacy Coach, Gibbs Magnet School, Teacher Education (COE)
Spikes, Michael PhD Professor of English, Philosophy & Liberal Studies (CAHSS)

Report of Program Review Sub-Committee *none*

Other Business: Timelines for graduate degrees: review of handout provided by Dean Sikes. Motion made to approve suggested catalog changes and deletions. Motion approved. Motion made to remove section about

workshop credit from the catalog, except leave the sentence about virtual universities. Motion approved. Text for these changes in catalog copy is included below. Motion made for approval of new addition under academic probation. Motion withdrawn. Council members should think about an NC policy for next time.

Dean's Report: Description of Vice Provost/Dean of Graduate School and Director of PRSP should be sent to all graduate council members. A Research Compliance officer will also be hired after V.P.R. This will be a lean year for budgets. Will suggest splitting recognition between teaching assistants and research assistants, we certainly need to be paying teaching assistants more. Suggested pay will be \$13,000.00 per 9 month appointment in STEM disciplines and \$10,000 elsewhere. Asking for 10 more TA lines for STEM and AHSS programs. Budget request includes funds to institutionalize undergrad research. These expenses have been being paid primarily out of ORSP. Budget proposal also includes funds to encourage new faculty to go through grant writing and IRB workshops.

Text of changes for catalog copy:

Transfer of Credit (pg 21 of 2007 Graduate Catalog)

Graduate credit may be granted for equivalent courses from other institutions, with approval of the appropriate program coordinator and the Dean of the Graduate School. Such credit may not exceed one half of the program requirements, exclusive of thesis or other exit project credits; must be no more than five years old at the time of transfer; and must have a letter grade of B or better.

Courses without letter grades (graded credit, satisfactory, pass) must be accompanied by official evidence that such grades equated to a B or better at the institution at which they were earned. Accredited graduate programs usually accept transfer credits only from similarly accredited programs. Credit earned at virtual universities and for-profit universities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Transfer grades are not computed as part of a student's GPA.

Individual programs may accept fewer transfer hours than the Graduate School maximum. Applications for transfer of credit for previous course work must be made and recorded within 12 months of admission to the UALR Graduate School. Credits accepted for transfer will be posted when the student's Application for Transfer has been approved and forwarded by the Dean of the Graduate School.

Graduation Requirements and Policies (pg 23 of 2007 Graduate Catalog)

Replace 3rd paragraph of this section in the printed catalog with:

All requirements must be completed within seven consecutive calendar years for master's degrees and within ten consecutive calendar years for specialists and doctoral degrees from date of admission to the UALR Graduate School. Time lost for military service is excluded from the time requirements.