

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
Graduate Council Minutes
February 27, 2008

Members Present: D. McAlpine, A. Hunter, K. Kuralt, J. Swingen, G. Anderson, A. Bhattacharyya, B. Wood, A. Lindsay, L. Dickerson, M. James, A. Thombre, S. Moak, B. Gentry

Members Absent: R. Syler, E. Elder, S. Jennings, S. Robison, S. Grace

Others Present: R. Sikes, N. Rego

Approval of February 13, 2008 minutes *Approved*

Old Business: None

New Business:

Report of Curriculum Sub-Committee *All approved*

College of Art, Humanities, and Social Sciences

LIST 7310 Intro to Liberal Studies – Description change

LIST 7390 Liberal Studies Colloquium – Description change

LIST 8310, 8320 Liberal Studies Thesis/Final Project – Description change

CCF II Change in “Program Requirements” description – Other

College of Education

CCF II Add a track to the existing Early Childhood Masters program – Other

ECED 7201 Teaching Physical Education, Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood – New Course

ECED 7202 Field Experience in Early Childhood – New Course

ECED 7302 Guiding Young Children and Connecting with Diverse Families and Communities – New Course

ECED 7303 Integrated Methods in Social Studies and the Arts – New Course

ECED 7308 Advanced Internship Seminar: Strategies in Assessment – New Course

College of Professional Studies

SOWK 8230 Evidence-Based Social Work Practice in Adult Mental Health – New Course

Report of Personnel Sub-Committee

Affiliate *All approved*

Briggs, Mona EdD Superintendent, Educational Leadership (COE)

Eubanks, Byron PhD Professor of Philosophy, Philosophy & Lib. Studies (CAHSS)

Gongola, Karen PhD Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Rehab Counselor, CARE (COE)

Niemczyk, Sharon MA Teacher, Arkansas School for the Blind, CARE (COE)

Report of Program Review Sub-Committee *none*

Other Business: Limitations on Offering of Special Topics Courses:

Proposed Motion from Curriculum Sub Committee to Graduate Council:

A graduate “special topics” course with essentially the same content should not be offered more than three times. During the term in which such a course is taught for the second time, the department or program offering the course should prepare and submit a request for a new course to their college curriculum committee and the graduate council.

Effective Date: Fall 2008. Graduate special topics courses on the fall 2008 schedule that have already been offered in two or more prior terms will be required to submit their request for a new course during the fall semester.

Recommendations:

- This motion should be distributed to graduate program coordinators, department chairs and deans.
- The Undergraduate Council should be notified of this action.

Motion approved.

NC policy: the NC policy is a university policy, not a decision made by committee. Undergrad policy needs to be pulled into the graduate catalog. The undergraduate catalog has specific rules about when NC grades can be given. Discussion regarding NC grades will be placed on the next agenda.

Dean's Report: Budget hearings: GA requests were very high on the wish list. Almost every department requested one or more additional stipend lines. Just returned from Council Graduate Schools: Students doing research and presenting research are more likely to finish, and more likely to continue to higher education. Full-time students are more likely to finish than part time students, GAs and TAs are also more likely to finish. What constitutes graduate faculty status? General consensus is that just having an advanced degree is not sufficient, but must have scholarship as well.