

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
February 3, 2016**

Members Present: Tansel Karabacak, Marjorie Williams-Smith, Brian Berry, Roger Dorsey, Jeff Hamm, David Gilliam, LaVerne Bell-Tolliver, Daniel Berleant, Mike DeAngelis, Mary Yang, Kwasi Boateng, Karen Kuralt, Jerry Stevenson, John Siegel, Monica Davidson

Members Absent: Jim Grover, Gail Hughes

Others Present: Dana Steele

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Dr. Brian Berry.

Old Business

Minutes from January 20, 2016, approved.

New Business

Report from Curriculum Committee

Donaghey College of Engineering and Information Technology

15-6148 CPSC 7344 New Course

16-1020 CPSC 9100-9900 Multiple Changes

College of Social Sciences and Communications

16-1000 SPCH Admissions Requirement Change

All approved

Discussion covered:

- Concern about whether or not it's acceptable to accept students with GPAs below 2.7, even for conditional admission
- Possibility of making a Graduate School policy on conditional admission
- Capping percentage of conditional admissions allowed
- The validity of looking only a Bachelor's GPA in various circumstances, such as when an applicant has a Master's degree or higher

Report from Personnel Committee

Graduate faculty status nominees for affiliate status

Amy Baldwin	Doctorate	UCA	EDLR/TCED
Roy Brooks	Doctorate	Brooks & Assoc., Inc.	EDLR/TCED
Keith A. Bush	Doctorate	UAMS	CPSC

Galina Glazko	Doctorate	UAMS	IFSC
Greg Graham	Master's	UALR	RHET
Linda K. Griffith	Doctorate	UCA	EDLR
G. Keith Pinchback	Doctorate	U of A- Phillips Comm. College	EDLR
Ghulam Rasool	Doctorate	Northwestern Univ.	SYEN
LaVona S. Traywick	Doctorate	U of A Division of Agriculture	HHPS

Graduate faculty status nominees for full status

Greg Smith	Doctorate	UALR	SOWK
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All approved

Report from Policies Committee

Discussion of Graduate Assistantship policy

- Intention to make health insurance for doctoral students a policy separate from the Graduate Assistantship policy
- Adding definition of “exceptional graduate assistant.”
- Clarifying tuition phrasing for half-time and full-time assistants’ tuition reimbursement

Dean’s Report

- Enrollment down 1.8% campus-wise
- Graduate School enrollment is up
- Doctoral student enrollment percentage has increased

Open Forum

- Members asked to look at the Workload Taskforce document, to establish if it is flexible enough for all the graduate programs
- Discussion of the possible invalidity of electronic voting following a Senate ruling

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Brian Berry at 4:17 p.m.