

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**February 5, 2014**

**Members Present:** Jeffrey Grubbs, Karen Kuralt, Roger Dorsey, Nancy Landrum, Kent Layton, Ibrahim Duyar, Yupo Chan, Tara DeJohn, Shaun Thomas, Lirong Zeng, Marc Seigar, Brian Berry, and Emily Davis.

**Members Absent:** Angela Hunter, David Dearman, Betty Wood, Guoliang Huang, Daniel Berleant, Maureen James, Lillie Wichinsky, Karen Wheeler, and Paige Buffington.

**Others Present:** Paula Casey.

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Dr. Marc Seigar.

**Old Business:** Minutes from January 22 approved.

**New Business:**

Curriculum Subcommittee: Nothing to report.

Personnel Subcommittee:

1. ***Graduate Faculty Status Proposal Update:*** the GFS proposal was presented at the 1/24 Faculty Senate meeting. Many senators were upset about the proposal's suggestions. Much of the negative feedback concerned the proposed reviewing of those who already have graduate faculty status.

- The proposal will be scaled back greatly. Though the review will probably remain mandatory, programs will have control over the review process.
- Multiple GC members suggested that if the affiliate status section is revised and pushed separately, it might be more successful at the Senate.
- The GC moved to withdraw the current GFS proposal from the Faculty Senate.
- Dean Casey agreed to contact Andrew Wright to set up a meeting between a couple senators and a couple GC members, who will discuss the problems facing the GFS proposal.

2. ***Recommendation for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status***

Margued Barsoum	Masters	UALR	CNMG
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*The GC will wait to vote until the nominee signs the form.*

Enkeleda Dervishi	Doctorate	Los Alamos National Lab.	SYEN
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Kathryn Fitzhugh	Doctorate	UALR/Pulaski Co. Law Library	PUHI
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*Both approved.*

3. **Recommendation for Full Graduate Faculty Status**

Jeremy Ecke	Doctorate	UALR	LIST
Kris McAbee	Doctorate	UALR	LIST

*Both approved.*

Donna Graham	Doctorate	UA-F	EDLR
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*Nominated for full status, but Dr. Graham is not a UALR employee. Form will be held until this has been addressed with department and nominee.*

Teresa Preston	Doctorate	UALR	BUSA
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*The GC will wait to vote until the nominee signs the form.*

**Dean's Report:**

- Everything is on track with the recruiting company. The new application will hopefully be live next week.
- The graduate dean search is underway and a chair has been appointed for the search committee; the outside search firm is not being used.
- The search for the vice provost of research, innovation, and commercialization is also underway, but will probably be more difficult.
- The webpages for the search committees happening across the university are in progress.

**Associate Dean's Report:** Dr. Lewis is out of town.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Seigar at 4:04 p.m.