

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**February 8, 2017**

**Members Present:** Tansel Karabacak, Annie Childers, Brian Berry, Roger Dorsey, Jeff Hamm, Sung-Kwan Kim, LaVerne Bell-Tolliver, Kent Layton, Gail Hughes, Menjun Xie, Michael DeAngelis, Kwasi Boateng, Karen Kuralt, Jerry Stevenson, John Siegel, Monica Davidson

**Members Absent:** Kent Layton, Mary Yang

**Others Present:** Abhijit Bhattacharyya, Dana Steele

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Dr. Brian Berry.

**Old Business**

Minutes from January 25, 2017, approved.

**New Business**

Report of the Curriculum Committee

***College of Education and Health Professions***

16-6073 Health Education and Performance Admissions Requirement Change

*Adding Special Conditional Admission, dropping required GPA to 2.7 for regular admission, removing some required items for admission*

***College of Engineering and Information Technology***

17-1057 INFQ 7342 Description Change

*Description change to more accurately reflect how the course is offered*

17-1058 MSIQ Program Change

*Changing program so that INFQ 7337 will replace INFQ 7322 as a core requirement*

***College of Social Sciences and Communication***

17-1059 RHET 7314 New Course

*New course providing theory content for nonfiction track MA students*

17-1060 PTWR Admissions Requirement Change

*Updating admissions requirements to have a specific policy for conditional and special conditional admissions*

17-1061 ANTH 7310 New Course

*New course allowing for MAIS students with anthropology emphasis to complete an independent project other than thesis project*

*All approved.*

Report of Personnel Committee

***Graduate Faculty Status Nominees for Affiliate Status***

Laura A. Miller

Master's

National Parks Service

HIST

*Approved.*

## Report of Policies Committee

### **Dean's Report**

- Board of Trustees has approved 4+1 programs, going to ADHE for the April meeting
- Upcoming workshop about making 4+1 programs being offered on 2/15/17 by the Graduate School
- Any program that want to utilize Special Conditional Admission in the fall needs to get their PCF into Graduate Council by April 1. Special Conditional Admission will not be allowed in the fall if not official.
- Process for moving through the 4+1 process will hopefully be ironed out soon as to when it needs to go through Graduate Council, Undergraduate Council, or both.

### **Open Forum**

- Dr. DeAngelis brought up the issue of inability to ensure students who are possibly going to be admitted as Special Conditional Admission have submitted extra materials requested.
  - These details could be important for assessments
  - Discussion of how to document that programs are asking for the items stipulated in their PCF for Special Conditional Admission
  - Dana Steele mentioned that a gravity-fed form make be able to get the items for Special Conditional Admission, allowing for them to be uploaded to ImageNow
  - Possibility of requiring programs to justify why the items they're asking for in their Special Conditional Admissions process will show that the student would succeed in the program
- Academic Clemency was brought up by Dr. Berry.
  - Current policy has always has "undergraduate" in the policy
  - First issue is that students must first be readmitted in order to get clemency
  - Discussion of clemency policy possibilities
- Admissions policy as currently legislated would theoretically allow for a student not in good-standing to be admitted as Special Conditional Admission

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Brian Berry at 4:10 p.m.