

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**January 18, 2006**

Members Present: D. McAlpine, C. Nahrwold, J. Bailey, R. Bashaw, J. Swingen, S. Minsker, S. Dagtas, A. Lindsay, M. James-Barnes, S. Cearley, J. Darsey

Members Absent: J. Miller, H. Al-Shukri, I. Duyar, S. Strom, A. Bevernitz, D. Kelly, T. Chen

Others Present: I. Nisanci, K. Walker, J. Walker (Criminal Justice)

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**Approval of November 30, 2005 minutes *Approved***

Approved with amendments (inclusion of members presents and members absent)

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Report of the Curriculum Subcommittee *Approved***

College of Professional Studies

Advance Comment: PhD Program in Social Policy Analysis

The chair will draft a letter in support of the program. All concerns discussed will be included.

**Report of the Personnel Subcommittee**

The committee did not meet this week. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1.

**Report of the Program Review Subcommittee**

The chair will meet with Rosalie Cheatham, Undergraduate Chair, in two weeks to discuss the program review process.

**Other Business:**

Council discussed the need for consistency and a policy for graduate admissions regarding students entering UALR with a 3-year undergraduate degree versus a 4-year undergraduate degree. The council also discussed dissertation timelines for doctoral students.

Council asked that the Graduate School revisit the timeline for faculty submitting changes for the graduate catalog. A shorter timeline line was suggested.

**Dean's Report**

The dean is preparing the job description for the Associate Dean for Graduate School and Research.

The dean announced that the name change for UALR's Graduate School and Office of Sponsored Research to Research and Graduate Studies was approved. The new organizational structure includes two offices—Graduate School and Office of Research and Projects.

The dean will request an increase in stipend awards for graduate assistants and an increase in the number of graduate assistant positions. The graduate school is collecting data to help establish guidelines for the distribution of GA positions and funds for the 06/07 academic year.

UALR is hosting the regional Conference for Southern Graduate Schools on February 24-27, 2006 in Little Rock, AR.

The Gerontology program will be removed from the graduate catalog. The provost has made the decision to keep the program in suspension.

The dean gathered names from all college deans in order to form a task-force for recruitment that will meet in the next few weeks.