

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**January 19, 2011**

**Members Present:** Akter, Bauer, Dearman, Dorsey, Jennings, Kuralt, Liles, McAlpine, Mirivel, Nolen, Seigar, Turturro, Wood, Zacher

**Members Absent:** Briscoe, Cantrell, James, Kim, Lanza, Moak, Sweeney, Yoshigoe

**Others Members Present:** Brooks, Miller Lewis, Pellicane, Donna Rose (alternate for Maureen James)

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Meeting started @3:04pm

Minutes of the December 1, 2010, meeting approved

**Report of Curriculum Committee:**

Dr. Kuralt welcomed the committee members to the spring semester.

**Report of Personnel Committee:**

Dr. Dearman welcomed the committee members to the spring semester.

**Associate Dean's Report:**

Dr. Lewis stated that the GRE is changing for 2011. Coordinators and Graduate Council should be looking for an email from her. The new format will be effective August 2011. The new test results will include an equivalency mapping of the new test scores on to the old scale. GRE will be doing some campus visits; perhaps UALR might be included.

Dr. Lewis stated that the next catalog should make more clear the admission and graduation requirements for each program. This might include, for example, minimal required GRE test scores or statements such as "most admitted students have a GRE score of ... ." Dr. Pierce asked if curriculum change forms need to be submitted for these clarifications; Dr. Lewis stated that that wasn't necessary until the requirements were actually changing. Dr. Jennings asked if average scores of previously-admitted students could be provided; Dr. Lewis thought that might be possible once the vacant Grad School IT position was filled.

**Dean's Report:**

Dr. Pellicane stated that he has sent graduate assistantship dollar allocations to all Deans for the next year based primarily on the past year's funding level, though Deans are able to use this money in more flexible ways (e.g., offering fewer assistantships at higher stipend levels). Deans also have permission to make offers for up to 150% of their funding level with the expectation that not all offers will be accepted. All unused funds will be returned to the Grad School by April 15. He also wants to get away from providing funding for administrative graduate assistants. Dr. Kuralt stated that some of her administrative assistantships are recruiting positions, and she doesn't want to see them removed; Dr. Pellicane replied that her college would still potentially be receiving the same amount of assistantship money but without the requirement that the students work on administrative assignments.

**Old Business:**

Graduate School Policies: Scholastic Standards (Pellicane/Lewis) tabled

Dr. Pellicane and Dr. Lewis stated that they are still revising the policies.

**New Business:**Paperwork for Final Projects, Internships, and Portfolios (Lewis)

Dr. Lewis suggested doing away with the Graduate School paperwork for projects, internships, and portfolios. There was some discussion between Council members. Dr. Lewis stated that she will take their comments into consideration and respond to Council on a later date.

GPA Calculations for Admissions into Graduate Programs (Lewis)

Dr. Lewis asked Council members if they thought that Graduate Coordinators would like to see GPA calculations on applicants that include all prior schools; currently the calculation just reflects the courses taken at the school awarding the degree. Council members stated that all course should be included in the GPA calculation. Also Dr. Lewis stated that Graduate Council should think about adopting an academic clemency policy.

**Other Business:**

Dr. Jennings reported about the latest Chancellor's Leadership Group meeting. He stated that ADHE will be reshuffling funding formulas. The goal is to increase the state's college graduates and getting more adult students back into college. ADHE also want to move remedial courses to community colleges.

Dr. Jennings also met with Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. They would like to be informed of new policies that Graduate Council has on their agenda. Since the Faculty Senate has ten working days to review policies that are passed in Graduate Council, Dr. Jennings agreed to give the Senate President advance notice of policies that the Graduate Council is considering.

Meeting adjourned 4:12pm