

**UALR Graduate Council  
Minutes  
January 25, 2012, 3pm  
Ottenheimer Library, Room 509**

**Members Present:** David McAlpine, Angela Hunter, Karen Kuralt, Roger Dorsey, David Dearman, , Amanda Nolen, , Yupo Chan, Maureen James, Liz Pierce, Julien Mirivel, Stacy Moak, Lillie Wichinsky, Mark Seigar, Dan Sweeney, Michael Bauer

**Members Absent:** Sung-Kwan Kim, Betty Wood, Chyrle Cantrell, Kenji Yoshigoe, Lirong Zeng, Alesa Liles, Kyle Ferguson

**Others Present:** Paladino, Lewis, Pellicane

Amanda Nolen called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes of the November 30 meeting were approved.

**New Business:**

**Report of Curriculum Committee:**

***College of Education***

11-6074 TCED/Reading PhD Program Change – Admissions Requirement Revision

11-6075 READ 7354 Teaching Reading Content Area – Multiple Changes

Advanced Notice – EDAS Curriculum/Program Administrator Licensure Certificate

Advanced Notice – EDAS Building-level Licensure Certificate

Advanced Notice – EDAS Superintendency Licensure Certificate

Motion passed by council.

***College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences***

11-6084 ARST 7399 Thesis – Title change from Exhibition and Catalogue

Motion passed by council.

**Report of Personnel Committee:**

***Recommendations for Full Graduate Faculty Status:***

James Fetterly	Doctorate	Faculty	UALR
Wallace Denty Gitchel	Doctorate	Faculty	UALR

Motion passed by council.

***Recommendations for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status:***

Thomas Redman	Doctorate	President	Navesink Consulting
Ahmed Abu-Halimeh	Master's	Research Specialist	UALR
Linda Watson	Doctorate	Faculty	UALR

Motion passed by council.

***Policy Proposal – Graduate Faculty Status***

The personnel committee has changed their approach in handling the Graduate Faculty Status policy proposal. The committee plans to give faculty 2 options to generate discussion. The proposal still needs editing and will not be sent to faculty until next week. The policy will explain current practices and give recommendations.

Nolen suggested that this could create a conflict of interest since departments need faculty status in order to function.

**Comment [a1]:** "...since those at the department level need their faculty to have graduate faculty status in order to teach the courses and supervise student research."

Hunter reminded the council that the personnel committee would give the colleges and departments a format and have to approve the protocol established by each department.

Sweeny questioned the committee on how the departments would develop the criteria since some departments may not have as many Graduate Faculty as others.

Hunter informed him that the criteria will have to be flexible. She suggested that colleges may create coalitions. She reiterated the committee's intention of presenting this proposal to faculty, to give people an option for feedback and present reasons for their opinions.

Moak encouraged the council by pointing out that this procedure would not be much different from what is already being done. The department and colleges create the paper work, and the council determines terminal degree and employment status.

McAlpine asked how college documents would be affected by this change.

Hunter pointed out that the Graduate Council would still over see all nominations, the colleges and departments would only send recommendations. She explained that once specifics are noted from distribution to the faculty, the committee will meet and review and report the final results to the Graduate Council.

**Dean's Report:**

Pellicane is still working on health insurance for doctoral students who are on full time assistantships. The first bid was found unacceptable by the committee and was too expensive. The committee has considered following a model similar to University of Arkansas (Fayetteville). Each student would be asked to go find their own private health insurance and would be reimbursed for a certain amount.

Liz Pierce inquired about the possibility of using resources with UAMS and attempting to develop some kind of contract to provide healthcare from this institution.

Pellicane reminded council that UALR must be sure to follow all state and federal rules and regulations.

Pellicane also spoke of the drop in enrollment numbers. He is currently meeting with college deans and other faculty members to discuss recruitment strategies and setting goals. He reported that currently, Graduate student enrollment is down about 8 percent with head count, and 5 to 6 percent in student credit hours. Pellicane reinforced the importance of this drop in terms of the funding formula that is used for budget. He informed the council that numbers dropped most significantly in the College of Education and the College of Business which coincides with the increase of online programs that have been created at Arkansas State University.

Pellicane charged council members to participate in discussions with deans and program coordinators to discuss possible resources to improve numbers.

Pellicane stated that these numbers are available to anyone who may want to see them.

#### **Associate Dean's Report:**

Lewis informed council that graduate checkout is still in process for the fall 2011 semester. She expressed positivity that the enrollment numbers will probably increase after the 11<sup>th</sup> day after classes due to some Graduate student populations who must register late.

Lewis reviewed the changes that have occurred with Financial Aid for Graduate students. These changes include:

Graduate students will only be allowed to receive financial aid for up to 45 post-bach hours.

PhD students will be allowed to receive up to 90 hours of financial aid post-bach.

**Meeting dismissed at 4:04 pm.**