

# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

## Graduate Council Minutes

March 16, 2011

**Members Present:** Bauer, Cantrell, Dearman, Dorsey, Hossain, James, Jennings, Kim, Kuralt, Lanza, Liles, McAlpine, Nolen, Pierce, Seigar, Sweeney, Turturro, Wood, Yoshigoe, Zacher

**Members Absent:** Mirivel, Moak

**Others Members Present:** Brooks, Lewis, Pellicane

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Meeting started @3:02pm

Minutes of the February 16, 2011, meeting approved

### Report of Curriculum Committee:

#### Donaghey College of Engineering & Information Technology

11-1011) SYEN 4355/5355	Mobile Multimedia Internet	Dual Listing	(approved)
(11-1012) SYEN 7320	Linear Systems Theory	New Course	(approved)

#### College of Education

(11-1026)	Higher Education MA in HPE	Program Change	(tabled)
(11-1027)	Doctor of Philosophy in Reading	Program Change	(approved)
(11-1028) HIED 7347	Practicum in Health Professions Edu.	New Course	(tabled)
(11-1029) HIED 7348	Internship: Teaching in the Health Prof.	New Course	(tabled)
(11-1030) HIED 7349	Masters Thesis	New Course	(tabled)
(11-1031) HIED 8311	Internet Research in HIED	Suspend	(tabled)

#### College of Business

(11-1017)	Executive MBA	Program Change	(approved)
(11-1018) IBUS 8301	Seminar in Intl Business I	Number Change	(approved)
(11-1019) MGMT 8201	Strategic Management of IS	Course Change	(approved)
(11-1020)	Concurrent J.D./M.S.T.	New Program	(approved)
(11-1022) MGMT 7341	Strategic Human Resource Mgmt.	Multiple Change	(approved)

Dr. Jennings mentioned that a question had been raised at the Faculty Senate meeting, where he gave his latest Graduate Council report, about 7000-level courses meeting at the same time as 4000-level courses in the same subject matter. The Graduate Council discussed this matter and felt that this clearly was so inappropriate (and clearly violates current UALR policy and procedures) that a special policy did not need to be adopted about this matter.

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

Dr. Pellicane stated that the institutional budget hearings are scheduled for April 6. The Deans have asked for \$1.3-1.4M in additional funding for graduate assistantships, but for the new two years additional funding to the university is unlikely; perhaps some funding could be freed up for GAs through "institutional efficiencies." The Graduate School would also like to propose a policy about the minimum and maximum time before a student can apply to a new graduate program after being dismissed from another program. He also reminded Council members that the GRE is changing and that prospective students who take the test in August or September receive a 50% discount on the test.

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

Dr. Lewis reminded members of the Student Research Expo. She also stated that students need to have their theses/dissertations into the Graduate School no later than 5pm on Monday, May 2; students can still make minor edits after this time.

### **Old Business:**

#### Graduate School Policies: Graduate School Admission (Nolan)

Dr. Nolen introduced her suggested changes to this policy. She stated that she met with Dr. Lewis about the graduate school being the gatekeeper. Coordinators would not receive any files if the students were not admissible. She said that COE was not happy with this proposal. Additionally, she suggested that students should be given a window to defer their admission if they are not attending in the semester for which they were admitted. Dr. Lewis stated that Fayetteville makes their students reapply and assistantships are not guaranteed if a student can't start at the approved time. Dr. McAlpine suggested that the dates be removed from this policy because they really don't apply to a lot of programs. Dr. Lewis stated that the graduate school will be turning off applications for programs two weeks prior to the semester starting; students can apply after this time as a non-degree seeking and take six graduate hours. Dr. Jennings challenged the six hours because students are not receiving financial aid so it shouldn't matter. Dr. Cantrell agreed with Dr. Jennings because some people in her program only need nine additional hours for licensure. Dr. Jennings recommended that the Grad School be in first filter for all programs but only filter out students that could not be admitted under any circumstances by the Grad School (e.g., they don't have an undergraduate degree or their TOEFL is under 79 for international students). Dr. Jennings also suggested that Dr. Nolen take all of the discussion points and suggestions into consideration and propose a new draft to be reconsidered at the next meeting.

#### Graduate School Policies: Graduate School Short-Term, Off-Campus, and Distance Ed Courses (Pierce)

Dr. Pierce stated that she met with Linda Musun and and now felt that this policy should be retired. She made a motion and it was approved.

#### Graduate School Policies: Tuition Rates for Grad Students Enrolled in UG Courses (Jennings)

Dr. Jennings stated that he felt that graduate students who take undergraduate classes should only pay the undergraduate rates. Dr. Lewis stated that is not in compliance with federal regulations and if their status is graduate then they will pay that price.

**Other Business:**Report from March 11 Faculty Senate Meeting (Jennings)

In addition to the matter concerning 4000-level/7000-level courses, Dr. Jennings mentioned that a Faculty Senate motion to “implement a consent agenda motion to approve actions of the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils” had been withdrawn, possibly to be resubmitted with modifications.

Meeting adjourned 4:27pm