

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
March 19, 2014

Members Present: Daniel Berleant, Karen Kuralt, Tara DeJohn, Roger Dorsey, Ibrahim Duyar, Betty Wood, Kent Layton, Yupo Chan, Maureen James, Marc Seigar, Shaun Thomas, Lirong Zeng, Emily Davis, and Paige Buffington.

Members Absent: Jeffrey Grubbs, Angela Hunter, David Dearman, Lillie Wichinsky, Nancy Landrum, Guoliang Huang, and Brian Berry.

Others Present: Larry Beachler and Paula Casey.

Meeting called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Dr. Marc Seigar.

Old Business: minutes from March 5 approved.

Announcements:

- The 4+1 program was approved by Undergraduate Council. Dr. Andrew Wright requested that it be presented to the Faculty Senate; it is now on their April 18 agenda.
- Dr. Seigar spoke with Dr. Wright about affiliate status issues. As a result, an ad hoc committee has been set up to address it, with representation from every doctoral program. So far, Dr. Kent Layton, Dr. Shaun Thomas, and Dr. Seigar will serve.
- Recently, the issue of the graduate status of retired faculty has come up, particularly faculty with emeritus status. It is unclear whether retired UALR faculty with emeritus status automatically retain their graduate faculty status and, if so, what level of status they retain. The official policy (403.4) does not make it clear.
 - Dean Casey requested that Emily Davis research previous GC decisions/policies regarding retired faculty members' status.

New Business:

Curriculum Subcommittee:

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science

14-1057 RHET 5372 Usability Testing and Design: New Course
Tabled until it has passed the necessary councils.

College of Education

14-1062 HIED 8343 Legal Aspects of Higher Education: New Course cross-listed with Law School
Tabled, awaiting Law School approval.

Donaghey College of Engineering and Information Technology

14-1063 IFSC 7100—7300 Independent Study: New Course

14-1064 IFSC 7399 Special Topics: New Course

Both approved.

College of Professional Studies

14-1065 PADM 7324 Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations: New Course

14-1066 PADM 7326 Public Organizational Networks for Nonprofits: New Course

14-1067 PADM 7346 Current Issues in Public and Nonprofit Management: New Course

All three approved.

14-1068 PADM 7334 Grant Writing for Public and Nonprofit Managers: New Course

14-1069 PADM 7344 Fundraising and Development for Nonprofit Managers: New Course

Both tabled due to possible Rhetoric and Writing conflict; they have been sent to Dr. George Jensen and Dr. Barbara L'éplattenier for discussion.

14-1079 GERO Gerontology Certificate: Program Change

Approved.

Personnel Subcommittee:

Recommendation for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status

Margued Barsoum	Master's	UALR	CNMG
John Willson	Doctoral	UA-F	ASCI

Both approved.

Dean's Report:

- Dean Casey just returned from the deans' retreat, held on campus.
- Asked Emily to search past GC minutes to see what the council has done in the past regarding graduate faculty status for emeritus faculty. Perhaps the rule could be that emeritus faculty can keep their full status until they have completed their terms as committee chairs (if applicable), so as not to inconvenience students?
- Dr. Lewis is in Baltimore for a family matter.
- We are now down a research compliance officer.
- Applications are being collected for the GS dean position.
- The new GS application is live.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Seigar at 3:35 p.m.