

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
March 5, 2014

Members Present: Jeffrey Grubbs, Karen Kuralt, Roger Dorsey, Betty Wood, Kent Layton, Yupo Chan, Maureen James, Tara DeJohn, Shaun Thomas, Lillie Wichinsky, Marc Seigar, Brian Berry, Emily Davis, and Paige Buffington.

Members Absent: Angela Hunter, David Dearman, Nancy Landrum, Ibrahim Duyar, Guoliang Huang, Daniel Berleant, and Lirong Zeng.

Others Present: Paula Casey, Johanna Lewis, Joanne Matson, and Amanda Nolen

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Dr. Marc Seigar.

Presentation on Quality Initiatives Project, Dr. Amanda Nolen and Dr. Joanne Matson

Dr. Matson:

- The Quality Initiatives Project (QIP) began in October, and is entirely unrelated to restructuring.
- QIP seeks to modernize and centralize UALR's data collecting and sharing, with the ultimate goal of improving data collection and usage on campus. This will be a years-long process.
- Long-term Plan:
 - Get data warehouse and store UALR data there, starting with small data and moving up.
 - The warehouse will house all institutional data from all systems.
 - The goal is to have a system where data is available to everyone in a dashboard, accessible from your desk.
- Three groups are working on the project:
 - Metrics group, chaired by Dr. Matson
 - Systems group, chaired by Nathan Nolen
 - Analytics group, Dr. Amanda Nolen
- Better data collection will be crucial for determining both success rates and causes of loss of retention/enrollment.

Dr. Nolen:

- The analytics group has been investigating different dashboard models. Cornell's and UTS's are very interactive and easy to use.
- The hope is to make the UALR data dashboard similarly interactive and user-friendly.

GC Input:

- In response to Dr. Yupo Chan's query, Dr. Nolan said that this project will help make accreditation much easier and Higher Learning Commission assessments smoother
- Recommends seeing Draft Metrics List for more details.

- A Data Governance document is being drafted, with the intention of promoting data integrity. If this project can get data integrity regulated, it will be considered a success.
- Dr. Chan suggests that we be wary of survey data, focusing instead on objectively verifiable data. Dr. Nolen and Dr. Matson agree.
- Dr. Kent Layton recommends that when defining data report terms, they start with the nonnegotiable state and federal terms, for greatest consistency and accuracy.

Dr. Nolen and Dr. Matson invite any additional GC questions and comments via email.

Old Business: minutes for February 19 approved.

New Business:

Curriculum Subcommittee: did not meet due to snow day, nothing to report. All CCFs on agenda are tabled until the next meeting.

Personnel Subcommittee:

1. *Recommendations for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status*

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| Margued Barsoum | Master's | UALR | CNMG |
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The GC will return Mr. Barsoum's form to his department to be signed.

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| Alicia Cotabish | Doctorate | UCA | EDLR |
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| Haitham Hassoon | Doctorate | FMC Technologies | SYEN |
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| Linda Okiror | Doctorate | UAPB | EDLR |
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| Lisa Speer | Doctorate | AR History Commission | PUHI |
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All approved.

2. *Recommendation for Full Graduate Faculty Status*

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| Teresa Preston | Doctorate | UALR | BUSA |
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The GC will return Dr. Preston's form to her department to be signed.

Dean's Report:

- The ad for the GS dean position has been posted.
- The GS is hoping to have the new application live by the end of the week.
- Ellen Lewis is no longer at the GS, so Dana Steele and Larry Beachler will be taking care of international applications for now.
- Gradfest is going on right now, and the GS has a table set up.

Associate Dean's Report: nothing to report.

Open Forum:

- Shaun Thomas and Tara DeJohn are on the search committee for the new GS dean; if anyone has potential interview questions, please email Dr. Thomas.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Seigar at 3:52 p.m.