

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**November 6, 2013**

**Members Present:** Laura Smoller, Angela Hunter, Karen Kuralt, Nancy Landrum, Kent Layton, Ibrahim Duyar, Yupo Chan, Shaun Thomas, Lillie Wichinsky, Marc Seigar, Brian Berry, Emily Davis, Dona Barry, and Paige Buffington.

**Members Absent:** Roger Dorsey, David Dearman, Betty Wood, Guoliang Huang, Daniel Berleant, Maureen James, Tara DeJohn, Matt Gifford, and Karen Wheeler.

**Others Present:** Paula Casey and Johanna Lewis.

Meeting called to order at 3:03 by Marc Seigar, chair.

**Old Business:** October 23 minutes approved.

Dr. Seigar has set up an ad hoc committee on Graduate Assistantships at the request of Dean Casey. Representatives on the committee will be Drs. Berry, Dearman, Kuralt, Seigar, and Thomas. Emily Davis agreed to find existing documentation from other universities that have policies on the awarding and dismissal of Graduate Assistants.

**New Business:**

- Curriculum Subcommittee:

- 1. ***College of Education***

- 13-6031 RHBL Rehabilitation Teaching of the Blind—Program Suspension

- Approved*

- College of Business***

- 13-6037 ACCT 7373 Forensic Accounting & Fraud Audit—New Course

- 13-6038 MS in Taxation—Program Suspension

- 13-6039 Graduate Certificate in Business Information Systems—Program Change

- 13-6040 MS in Business Information Systems—Program Change

- All Approved*

- 2. A new policy is being discussed to allow new options for undergraduates who wish to take graduate courses. This will benefit some departments that wish to develop a 4+1 program. A policy draft will most likely be presented at the next GC meeting.

- Personnel Subcommittee:

- 1. *Recommendation for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status*

- Dennis Deitz                      Doctorate                      Century Link, Inc.                      SYEN

- Harry Zhu                      Doctorate                      U. of Mass. Lowell                      INFQ

- All Approved*

- 2. *Recommendation for Full Graduate Faculty Status*

- A. Naeem Bajwa                      Doctorate                      UALR                      MGMT

- Approved*

3. *Graduate Faculty Status proposal update:* Kent Layton emailed Keith Hudson this morning, and is waiting for a response. The subcommittee plans to make final changes to certain language and bring the proposal to the GC at the next meeting.

**Dean's Report:**

- Dean Casey is concerned that recruitment for spring and fall 2014 will be low, and is working on new strategies to improve recruiting.
- The ad for the position that Sheena Brooks vacated is posted online and applications are currently being taken. As mentioned before, the position will be a full-time recruitment position.
- Dean Casey met with the provost yesterday and discussed restructuring details, including the hiring of new deans. Dean Casey is creating a report with recommendations on restructuring's effects on the Graduate School; it is due to the provost in February.
  - Dr. Seigar recommends having GC representatives on the search committees for the new dean of the Graduate School and for the new Vice Provost of Research.
  - A search firm will be used for some number of the searches; Dean Casey will work on finding out more about the search plans for new deans.

**Associate Dean:** nothing to report.

**Open Forum:** Dr. Seigar has been approached by the Applied Science department, who would like to have co-chairs on dissertations. New policy will most likely be drafted to allow for this and brought before the GC.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Seigar at 3:32 p.m.