

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
Graduate Council Minutes
October 12, 2011

Members Present: David McAlpine, Karen Kuralt, Roger Dorsey, David Dearman, Sung-Kwan Kim, Betty Wood, Amanda Nolen, Chyrle Cantrell, Yupo Chan, Maureen James, Liz Pierce, Kyle Ferguson, Michael Bauer

Members Absent: Angela Hunter, Kenji Yoshigoe, Julien Mirivel, Stacy Moak, Lillie Wichinsky, Lirong Zeng, Marc Seigar, Dan Sweeney, Alesa Liles

~~**Members Absent:**~~

Others ~~Members~~ Present: EIT: Abhijit Bhattacharyya, Mike Tramel, Haiyan Xie; GS: Paladino, Beachler, Lewis, Pellicane

Dr. Nolen called the ~~M~~meeting ~~called~~ to order at: 3:03p.m.

Minutes of the September 28, 2011 meeting approved.

Report of Curriculum Committee:

EIT

Advanced Notice/Comment Form MS in Construction Management

Comments:

Nolen inquired about the thesis option and requested details on the project option. Xie responded that a course would be offered to spark research topics and other specialties for graduating students to pursue.

Nolen also inquired about the amount of undergrad courses that would be required for students who do not have a background in Construction Management and if they would be admitted before these pre-requisites were taken. Lewis answered that the students would have to complete their undergraduate pre-requisites before becoming graduate students in the program, because Graduate students are not allowed to take undergraduate classes and post-bacc students are not allowed to take Graduate classes.

On a side note, McAlpine mentioned that 8000 level classes were being considered for Master's level in the proposal, and he thought numbers above the 7000-level were reserved for doctoral courses.

Bhattacharrrya stated that 8000 level would be used for thesis credits.

Pellicane questioned how these students would receive assistance for research. Xie responded that grant funds would be used to pay for graduate assistantships to help these needs.

Lewis questioned the availability of faculty that would be able to serve in this program. Trammel reassured the committee that this program is supported by the local industry and that he plans to pick up individuals in the field to act as adjunct professors in the beginning stages.

CPSC/IFSC/SYEN/Integrated Computing Program Change

Tabled by committee. Committee requests more information.

COE

ECED 7202 change from 2 hr to 3 hr course

Motion to Approve: Chan Motion passed

Report of Personnel Committee:

Affiliate:

Brian Clark	Master's	Hydrologist	Ark. Water Science Center
Richard Segall	Doctorate	Faculty	ASU

Motion to Approve: Kuralt Motion passed.

Revision of Graduate Faculty Status

Update

Discussion arose about whether or not the Graduate Council has authority over the Department governance documents.

Dearman noted that a suggested could be given to the faculty senate that suggestions are made to the department. Once the department reviews the requirements, it would go through Graduate Council.

Chan informed the council that departments such as EIT have no current protocol for selecting Graduate Faculty.

Pellicane expressed his concern with how the quality of the institution would be monitored if Graduate Faculty Status was selected within the department.

Dean's Report:

Pellicane reported that the process for obtaining Health Insurance for Doctoral students is moving along at a good pace. Currently, a committee of 3 people is being formed to assist in the

bidding process for providers. The office of purchasing will receive the information and move forward with the budgeting process.

Pellicane is waiting on the approval of the IRB at UALR to begin gathering data on enrollment and admissions. He plans to study the selectivity of students who are offered admissions in the UALR graduate school and who actually attends.

Associate Dean's Report:

No Report

Dr. Nolen adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.