

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**October 13, 2010**

**Members Present:** Bauer, Dearman, Hossain, James, Jennings, Kim, Kuralt, Lanza, Liles, McAlpine, Miller, Mirivel, Moak, Pierce, Wood, Zacher

**Members Absent:** Briscoe, Cantrell, Dorsey, Nolen, Seigar, Sweeney, Yoshigoe

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

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Meeting started @3:03pm

Minutes of 09/29/10 meeting approved

**Old Business:**

TOEFL Alternatives: IELTS

Allyson Hughes could not attend. Dr. Alan Lytle, Director of Intensive English Language Program, was present to discuss the IELTS test. He passed out a handout that compared the TOEFL to the IELTS. He stated that some students prefer IELTS because it is easier. He gave his expert opinion about the test. He stated that University of Colorado is thinking of raising their IELTS test standards. Dr. Lewis stated that the TOEFL test is not going to be replaced, but accepting IELTS will give students another option. Council members agreed to accept the test, but asked the Grad School to propose a "higher bar" on where to set the IELTS standard.

**Report of Curriculum Committee:**

Donaghey College of Engineering & Information Technology

(10-6012) Ph.D. in Applied Science	Program Change	<i>Approved</i>
Added discipline-specific tests and changed Applied Biosciences core requirements		

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science

(10-6016) HIST 4326/5326	History of the Atlantic World	New Course	<i>Approved</i>
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College of Education

(10-6035) HIED/EDFN 8311	Internet Research in Education	Mult. Changes	<i>Approved</i>
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**Report of Personnel Committee (all approved):**

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Bevan T. Keating, Ph.D. Associate Professor	AHSS
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Affiliate

Dan A. Buzatu, Ph.D.	FDA Research Chemist	EIT
Aerah E. Hardin, M.A.	Director, First Step, Preschool Prgm.	COE
Muhammad M. Husain, M.D.	Associate Professor, Dept. of Pathology	EIT
Purusottam Jena, Ph.D.	Distinguished Professor	EIT
Bobby G. Sumpter, Ph.D.	SR. Science Staff: Group Leader	COE

**Dean's Report:**

Dr. Pellicane stated he has been talking with the Provost about health insurance for doctoral students on Graduate Assistantships. He said coordinators could use the insurance as a recruiting tool. Dr. Jennings asked if MS students on GAs could be offered this insurance too. Dr. Pellicane stated no, because the plan will be for a defined group of students, and the premium would probably be too much if we included MS-level students on GAs at this time.

UALR received notice of \$8.5M of grant money for research in September, compared to \$30M for all of last year.

**Associate Dean's Report:**

Dr. Lewis reminded Grad Council about Gradfest going on October 13-14 in the DSC from 11-6.

Students have until tomorrow to apply for graduation; there will be no graduation applications entered manually.

She also reminded coordinators of the coordinators' meeting next Wednesday, October 20, at 3:00 in DKSN Rm. 100. The office of Records and Registration will be there to discuss how coordinators can block students from registering in classes if they haven't been advised.

**Old Business:**

Graduate Policies: Graduate Assistantships (Dearman)

Tabled pending final wording but Council agreed with points made in outline.

Graduate Policies: Catalog Description of Graduate School Policies

Tabled pending minor corrections by Dr. Lewis.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm