

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**October 15, 2014**

**Members Present:** Karen Kuralt, Roger Dorsey, Kent Layton, Jim Grover, Michael DeAngelis, John Siegel, Marjorie Williams-Smith, Gaurav Kumar, Brian Berry, Gail Hughes, Daniel Berleant, Shaun Thomas, and Emily Davis.

**Members Absent:** Tansel Karabacak, Coskun Bayrak, and Vickie Edwards.

**Others Present:** Paula Casey, Dana Steele, and Larry Beachler.

Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Dr. Kent Layton.

**Old Business**

Minutes from 10/1 approved.

**New Business**

Report from Curriculum Committee

No new business.

Report from Personnel Committee

***Graduate faculty status nominees for full status:***

Barclay Key	Doctorate	UALR	HIST
Jeff Kyong-McClain	Doctorate	UALR	HIST
Katina Leland	Doctorate	UALR	TCED
Joli Livaudais	Master's	UALR	ART
Christopher Mong	Doctorate	UALR	EDLR
Jess Porter	Doctorate	UALR	HIST
Jan Thomas	Doctorate	UALR	PHIL

*All approved.*

Zi Jia	Doctorate	UALR	ECON/FINC
Tim Atkinson	Doctorate	AR Sci.&Tech. Authority	EDLR
Keith Robinson	Doctorate	UALR	PHIL

*All 3 tabled.*

***Graduate faculty status nominees for affiliate status:***

Eric Flowers	Master's	UAMS	EDLR
Chad Garrett	Master's	UALR	HIST
Christopher Heien	Doctorate	GE Capital	IFSC
Guoliang Huang	Doctorate	U. of MO	SYEN
Shannon Lausch	Master's	UALR CAHC	HIST
Leming Shi	Doctorate	Fudan U.	IFSC
Arun Sundararaman	Doctorate	Accenture	IFSC

Frank Thurmond  
Ontario Wooden  
*All approved.*

Master's  
Doctorate  
UALR  
NC Central U.

ENGL  
EDLR

Dr. Hughes led a discussion about graduate faculty status policy changes, specifically regarding what faculty with master's degrees should be able to do as graduate faculty. According to the current policy, faculty with affiliate status can supervise graduate research; graduate research is not defined or limited.

Dr. Hughes and the personnel committee plan to update the nomination form soon.

### **Dean's Report**

- December graduation will be on 12/20, and more faculty marshals are needed. If you are willing to participate in the morning ceremony, please let Dean Casey know.
- The GS has permission to hire 2 new staff members, an assistant registrar and a front desk person. The search will begin soon.
- The admission letter process is now completely automated.

### **Open Forum**

4+1 Policy: No program has put through paperwork requesting to begin a new 4+1 program. At this point, spring or summer 2015 is the earliest that a program could be made workable.

### Automated CCF Process:

- Dr. Sheri Tucker has set up a Blackboard community to track the curriculum committee process for her department. Dr. Tucker will try to attend the next GC meeting to discuss this system.
- More approval and buy-in from higher offices is needed before this system could be implemented at the Graduate Council level.

### Library Workshop:

- John Siegel announced that the GSA and the Library will be holding a research workshop on 10/27. Graduate students are encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Layton at 2:47 p.m.