

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
October 29, 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, Tansel Karabacak, Coskun Bayrak, Vickie Edwards, and Emily Davis.

Members Absent: Jim Grover.

Others Present: Paula Casey and Dana Steele.

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

Old Business

Minutes from 10/15 approved.

New Business

Report from Curriculum Committee

College of Engineering and Information Technology

14-1104 ERSC 5372 Surface Water Hydrology New Course

Approved.

College of Social Sciences and Communication

14-6081 PSYC Program Reactivation

Approved.

Dr. Driskill met with the Curriculum Committee to discuss a revision to the Graduate School's conditional admission policy that would allow programs to have more freedom in setting the qualifications for conditional admission. This policy revision is still being discussed and will probably come before the Graduate Council at a later date.

Dr. Kuralt led a discussion about future catalog update procedures.

Report from Personnel Committee

Graduate faculty status nominees for full status:

Zi Jia	Doctorate	UALR	ECON/FINC
Keith Robinson	Doctorate	UALR	PHIL
Mary Yang	Doctorate	UALR	IFSC

All 3 approved.

Graduate faculty status nominees for affiliate status:

Tim Atkinson	Doctorate	AR Sci.&Tech. Authority	EDLR
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Alexander Borek	Doctorate	IBM	IFSC
Salomon de Jager	Doctorate	Pi-Log Ltd.	IFSC
R. Murat Demirer	Doctorate	Gelisim U.	CPSC
Anne Marie Smith	Doctorate	Alabama Yankee Syst., LLC	IFSC

All approved.

Dean's Report

- A search committee is in place for the new GS dean.
- The GS has permission to hire 2 new staff members, an assistant registrar and a front desk person. The search will begin soon.

Open Forum

Automated CCF Process:

- The CEHP is now using a Blackboard community to track its curriculum committee process.
- Approval from the provost's office is needed before this system can be implemented at all levels of the process.

Dr. Bayrak mentioned that a few approved Computer Science courses are missing from the Graduate Catalog. The GS and Dr. Kuralt agreed to check their archives for approval of these courses after Dr. Bayrak sends information about them.

Dr. Edwards asked about any updates on the policy regarding hiring and firing GAs. A policy currently exists, but the GC agreed that a more precise policy is needed.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Layton at 2:58 p.m.