

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
Graduate Council Minutes
October 7, 2009

Members Present: Hunter, Kuralt, McAlpine, Swingen, Cantrell, Nolen, Wood, Gentry, Mirivel, Moak (alt), Seigar, Bhattacharyya, Jennings, Pierce, James, Kays

Members Absent: Dearman, Turturro, Robison

Others Present: Lewis, Pellicane, Shelton; Susan Hoffpauir

Approval of September 23, 2009 minutes

Approved

Old Business:

- Steve Jennings reported that the Provost has agreed to allow the Graduate Council to use the faculty listserv for purposes of notifying faculty of Council business that affects them. He still hopes that more council business can be conducted on line.
- There was a discussion about the Graduate Faculty nomination process and how there has been some resistance to ideas for tightening up the process, which might be viewed as pre-empting the auspices of the steering committees managing doctoral programs.

New Business:

- Amanda Nolen brought up some concerns of the College of Education regarding the policy manual being advanced by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). The document has been in existence for about two years, has been discussed in Faculty Senate, and has the apparent approval of the Chancellor and Provost. But COE feels that a different model would better suit UALR's mission, and that more consideration is needed. Representatives of the COE and the IRB participated in a question and answer session to address these concerns, and Dr. Nolen distributed a document that highlighted the points of that discussion. She wanted to find out if other colleges shared these concerns.

The Graduate Council moved to designate Dr. Nolen to take the general concerns to the Chancellor, and to provide whatever support is appropriate within the Council's purview. Any additions or modifications to the concerns outlined should be sent to alnolen@ualr.edu.

Dean Pellicane said that he would inform the Provost of the situation.

- Steve Jennings reported on a Research Induction Ceremony ("White Coat Ceremony") held at UAMS for Bioinformatics students, and suggested that UALR consider something similar as an initiation into research for UALR graduate students. Abhijit Bhattacharyya suggested that this might be combined with the Graduate Research Forum. Stacy Moak suggested a stole (regalia) for graduation.

Report of Curriculum Sub-Committee:

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

09-1217

MUED 4252/5252

Perspectives on Careers in Music new course

approved

College of Education

09-6102

Literacy Coach Certificate

program change *approved*

Report of Personnel Sub-Committee:

all approved

Full

Lifeng Lai, PhD	Assistant Professor of Systems Engineering	DCEIT
Nitin Agarwal, PhD	Assistant Professor of Information Science	DCEIT
Trey Philpotts, PhD	Professor of English; Chair of the English Department	AHSS

Affiliate

Janet Behrend, EdD	Research Associate (Reading Recovery Trainer)	COE
Fred Scarborough, MA	Sr. V.P./Major Gifts, Ark.Children's Hosp. Foundation	CSPS
Lee S.F. Soderberg, PhD	Professor, UAMS Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology	DCEIT
Cynthia Sagers, PhD	Associate Professor, Biological Sciences, U of A	DCEIT
Melissa Singleton, MEd	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, Blytheville Schools	COE
Lisa Gray, MEd	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, Fort Smith Schools	COE
Gretchen McCoy, MSE	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, North Little Rock Schools	COE
Lee Ferguson, MSE	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, Crowley's Ridge Ed. Co-op	COE
Rhonda Taylor, MEd	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, N.C. Ark. Ed. Svc. Ctr	COE
Carla Soffos, MEd	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, Literacy Coach, UALR	COE
Patricia Conner, MA	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, UALR	COE
Jan Henderson, MS	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, UALR	COE
Karen James, EdS	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, Little Rock Schools	COE
Kimberly Davis, MEd	Teacher	COE
Stephanie Copes, EdS	Rsch. Assoc. (Lit. Coach/Reading Recovery Teacher Leader	COE
Diane Buffalo, MEd	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader, Watson Chapel Schools	COE

Other Business:

- Susan Hoffpauir presented information on the upcoming decennial site visit from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. She distributed a Self-Study for Institutional Reaccreditation.

Associate Dean's Report:

- Johanna Miller Lewis reported that graduation checkout for the summer term was just completed, and said that the process needs to be streamlined. She noted that the deadline for filing for fall graduation is midnight, October 11, 2009.

Dean's Report:

- Pat Pellicane reported on a meeting he recently had with Dan Ferritor, Mike Hemphill, and his counterparts at UA Fayetteville and UAMS regarding the lack of a "Graduate Council" at the Clinton School of Public Service. It has been proposed that UALR's Graduate Council will serve

as that body for the CSPS for all business except grievance and appeals processes, which will be conducted by UA Fayetteville.

- Dean Pellicane also shared that Bob Adams, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, received the “bond check” for the new building funds.

Adjourned at 4:20