

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
Graduate Council Minutes
September 12, 2007

Members Present: D. McAlpine, A. Hunter, K. Kuralt, R. Syler, E. Elder, J. Swingen, S. Jennings, G. Anderson, A. Bhattacharyya, A. Lindsay, L. Dickerson, M. James, A. Thombre, S. Robison

Members Absent: B. Wood, S. Moak, B. Gentry

Others Present: R. Sikes, N. Rego, R. Oliva, G. Jensen

Dr. David Belcher

Approval of May 2, 2007 minutes *Approved*

Old Business: *none*

New Business:

Report of Curriculum Sub-Committee

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Advance Notice Comment Form – PhD in Rhetoric, Professional Writing, and Digital Media – *No action needed*

ENGL 7100, 7200 Independent Study – New Course *Approved*

PSYC 5363 Organizational Psychology (proposed number PSYC 7363) – Number, Dual Listing *Approved*

College of Business

CCF II Master of Accountancy – New Program *Approved*

CCF II Master of Science in Taxation – New Program *Approved*

Report of Personnel Sub-Committee

Full

Ballard, Joseph D. MPS Instructor, U of A Clinton School *Approved as Affiliate*

Bouaynaya, Nidhal PhD Assistant Professor, Systems Engineering (CEIT) *Sent back*

Cellitti, Mirtha A. PhD Associate Professor, Teacher Education (COE) *Needs updated vita*

Clausen, Jeanette PhD Professor, International & Second Languages (CAHSS) *Approved*

Cui, Jingbiao PhD Assistant Professor, Physics & Astronomy (CSAM) *Approved*

Monroe, Ronnie EdD Associated Professor, Teacher Education (COE) *Needs updated vita*

Rutherford, James L. BA Dean and Professor, U of A Clinton School *Approved as Affiliate*

Seigar, Marcus PhD Assistant Professor, Physics (CSAM) *Needs updated vita*

Smith, Bruce PhD Associate Dean, College of Education (COE) *Needs updated vita*

Standerfer, Christina PhD Assistant Professor, U of A Clinton School *Approved*

Torvestad, Robert BA Instructor, U of A Clinton School *Approved as Affiliate*

Affiliate *All Approved*

Barnes, Greg MD Instructor, Biology (CSAM)

Bursac, Zoran PhD Assistant Professor, Math & Statistics (CSAM)

Buzen, Frederick G. Instructor, PhD Instructor, Chemistry (CSAM)

Colatrella, Michael JD Associate Director & Lecturer, Law School

Huang, Xiuzhen PhD Assistant Professor, Bioinformatics (CEIT)

Krakowiak, Patrycja PhD Instructor, Biology (CSAM)

Monson, Brian PhD Science Dept. Chair, Physics (CSAM)

Otwell, Sharon EdD Teacher, North Little Rock School District (COE)

Ounpraseuth, Songthip PhD Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, Math & Statistics (CSAM)

Picchioni, Anthony PhD Director SMU Center for Dispute Resolution & Conflict (CPS)

Wayland, Robert PhD Labor Arbitrator/labor Relations Consultant, Management (COB)

Other Business: *none*

Dean's Report:

Dr. Sikes attended the Federal Partnership meeting in Washington DC earlier this week. Funding rates are down even though budget rates are up.

Pulaski Tech Initiative: Discussions are currently going on between the graduate school and PTC regarding the possibility of having graduate assistants from UALR teach courses at PTC. The graduate assistants would be paid an extra \$2,000 to compensate them for the extra driving. PTC would pay the stipends, and the grad school would pick up the tuition. These are preliminary discussion only.

Graduate programs will know in January how much funding they will have for graduate assistantships from the graduate school. This will enable the departments to use the funds for recruiting purposes.

There is a graduate coordinators meeting this Friday. It will be held in the Bailey Center from 2 to 4. Everyone should have a copy of the new thesis and dissertation guidelines which will be discussed at the meeting.

Graduate students taking undergrad courses pay graduate level rates- unless it is a course that is not part of their degree plan nor a prerequisite. Changing the tuition to the undergraduate rate is a problem in banner and also with financial aid. Students cannot enroll themselves in an undergraduate class, nor can they drop it themselves. They must see the graduate school and have someone place them in the class.

Graduate certificates are eligible for financial aid unless the programs of study can be completed in less than a year. Certificate programs are not eligible for graduate assistantships.