

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

Graduate Council Minutes

September 15, 2010

Members present: Chyrle Cantrell, David McAlpine, Janet Lanza, Stacey Moak, Marc Seigar, Steve Jennings, Kenji Yoshigoe, John Miller, Jr., Betty Wood, Maureen Barnes-James, Alesa Liles, Sung-Kwan Kim, Amanda Nolen, Roger Dorsey, Karen Kuralt, David Dearman

Others: Patrick Pellicane, Johanna Miller Lewis

Dr. Jennings called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

The minutes of the September 1, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

Old Business

Acceptance of IELTS for English language proficiency. Dr. McAlpine suggested that Allan Lytle and Stephanie Dhonau (ESLP) look into the test and come to the next meeting to explain how it differs from the TOEFL.

New Business

Dr. Pellicane asked the members to think of new ways to recruit students at the graduate level. Currently, the graduate school has a Facebook page and the university has Facebook and Twitter accounts, but enrollment numbers for this semester (Fall 2010) are down. Dr. Dearman asked if we can tell exactly why enrollment is down and Dr. Pellicane reiterated that the loss can be attributed to the new \$40 application fee; the curtailment of enrollment in certain programs; and the end of some "feeder" programs (i.e., the pre-MBA GC).

Curriculum Committee

Dr. Kuralt presented the recommendations of the sub-committee.

DCEIT

(10-1206) Master of Science in Applied Science Program Change
Approval of new non-thesis options for the MS was recommended. Council approved unanimously.

CSAM

Discussion of a new MS in Geology. Council agreed with the subcommittee that proper funding of the degree was of paramount importance and should be reflected in the GC comments on the Advance Notice form. Dr. Kuralt will compose the comment.

(10-1123)	MATH 4303/5303	(10-1125) MATH 4304/5304	tabled
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CAHSS

(10-1032) HIST 4335/5335 History at the Movies new course
Dr. Kuralt explained the erroneous addition of this course to BANNER and that the subcommittee was working with Dr. Vinikas to re-write the syllabus to reflect a higher standard of work at the graduate level.

COE

(10-1168) ECED 7311 Literature, Literacy, and Mult tabled

(10-1169) ECED 7312 Teaching in Diverse Classrooms tabled

(10-6017) EDFN 7303/7304 Drop prerequisites in BANNER
Request to drop the prerequisite of EDFN 7303 for EDFN 7304 as already represented in the Graduate Catalog. Council passed unanimously.

Personnel Sub-Committee

Dr. Dearman forwarded the recommendation of the subcommittee to approve all of the nominees. So approved by the Graduate Council

Full

Charles W. Romney, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor, History	AHSS
John A. Kirk, Ph.D.	Chair, Donaghey Professor of History	AHSS
Judith A. Hayn, Ph.D.	Associate Professor, Teacher Education	COE
David S. Spillers, Ph.D.	Professor Emeritus, Instructional Technology	COE
Charlotte L. Williams, DrPH	Assistant Professor, Public Service	CSPS
Keith A. Bush, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor, Computer Science	EIT
Mengjun Xie, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor, Computer Science	EIT

Affiliate

Trakenya G. Dobbins, Ed.D.	Director, Academic Success Center	COE
Diane S. Gilleland, Ph.D.	Associate Professor, Educational Leadership	COE
Courtney W. Hornsby, MAT	Instructor (Little Rock Central High School)	COE
Tina L. Jordan, Ed.S.	Teacher Leader (LRSD)	COE
Neal Gibson, Ph.D.	Director, Arkansas Research Center (Ark DOE)	EIT
Greg Holland, Ph.D.	Director, Research and Development (Ark DOE)	EIT

Michael C. Reynolds, Ph.D. Associate Professor; Dept. Chair, Engineering (UAFS) EIT

Terry M. Talley, Ph.D. Chief IT Architect (Southwest Power) EIT

Fumiya Wantanabe, Ph.D. Director of Instrumentation (Nanotechnology Center) EIT

Richard B. Walker, Ph.D. Professor, Chemistry (UAPB) CSAM

Ramaswamy Srinivasan, PhD Head, Industrial Software Systems (ABB Corp) EIT

Associate Dean's Report

Dr. Lewis reported that in the Spring 2011 semester the Graduate School admissions staff will stop registering students for faculty. This initiative will necessitate the cooperation of faculty and students to succeed and GS will work hard to spread the word.

In addition, the GS is working with Dr. John Talburt and his students in Information Quality to make many written records and digital data more accessible.

The next Graduate Coordinator meeting will be next Wednesday at 3pm in DKSN 100.

Dean's Report

Dr. Pellicane gave an update on obtaining health insurance for full-time doctoral students on full-time GAs. The university has given him permission to proceed with finding a suitable and affordable policy and he will work with Dr. Donaldson and Health Services to make sure it meets the needs of all doctoral students, including international students.

Chair's Comments

Dr. Jennings hopes that the Council can complete working on the official policies of the council. Discussion of the Graduate Assistantship policy ensued. Dr. Dearman will work with Drs. Jennings, Lewis, and Pellicane on a revised draft

The Council requested that at the end of each semester the GS provide them with a report of students earning Cs, Ds, or Fs, as well as Is and Ws.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.