

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**September 17, 2014**

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

**Members Absent:** Daniel Berleant and Vickie Edwards.

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

Meeting called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Dr. Kent Layton.

**Old Business**

Minutes from 9/3 approved.

**New Business**

Report from Dr. Angela Hunter

*Summer 2014 Administration Retreat*

**First day:**

- Dr. Hunter attended the retreat as vice chair of the GC.
- Most of the content of the retreat was discussed at the University Assembly.
- The Huron Group discussed their preliminary findings on UALR enrollment, recruitment, retention, etc. No official report was presented, nor has an official report been distributed yet.
- Graduate programs were not discussed very much, except for enrollment numbers.
- This discussion emphasized that everyone needs to do their part to promote recruitment, enrollment, and retention.
- The Group mentioned the possibility of implementing an “early warning” system, that would catch struggling students early in the struggle and get them in contact with professionals to help.
- The Group also did some “secret shopping” across campus, posing as students. They did not do so at the Graduate School. They do recommend that more proactive work must be done by faculty and staff to help solve student problems.

**Second day:**

- Discussion of large-scale University Avenue revamping:
  - UALR is working with nonprofits to revamp the University District area. Improving the area could be influential for drawing in graduate students.
- Ottenheimer Library remodeling:
  - Large-scale remodeling and modernizing of the first and second floors of the library is in discussion, though more funding is needed to complete it.
  - An updated space could be helpful for recruitment.

### *Conditional Admission Issue*

- Dr. Hunter voiced a concern with the disparity between 9 hours being considered full time and 12 hours being required to get off conditional admission. This issue is currently being reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and will be discussed at today's GC meeting.

### Report from Personnel Committee

#### *1. Recommendation for Full Graduate Faculty Status:*

Abigail Akande	Doctorate	UALR	CARE
Rebecca Glazier	Doctorate	UALR	POLS
Simon Hawkins	Doctorate	UALR	SOCI/ANTH
Euchay Horsman	Doctorate	UALR	CARE
Jessica Hurley	Doctorate	UALR	CARE
Kendra Lowery	Doctorate	UALR	EDLR
Matthew Thomas	Doctorate	UALR	PHYS/ASTR

*All approved*

#### *2. Recommendation for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status:*

Muthanna Al-Dahhan	Doctorate	MO. U. of Science and Tech.	SYEN
Halil Bisgin	Doctorate	UALR	BINF
Mathias Brochhausen	Doctorate	UAMS	IFSC
Barbara Fuhrman	Doctorate	UAMS	BINF
Michael Gealt	Doctorate	Central MI U.	CALS
Tansel Halic	Doctorate	UCA	CPSC
Engin Mendi	Doctorate	KTO Karatay U.	CPSC
Ericka O'Neal-McCarroll	Doctorate	Bale Elem. Sch.	EDAS
Yolanda Mitchell	Doctorate	Pulaski Tech.	EDLR
Omar Smadi	Doctorate	ISU	CNMG
Laura Smoller	Doctorate	U. of Rochester	HIST
James Wilson	Master's	UALR	GIT
Stephen Yanoviak	Doctorate	U. of Louisville	BIOL

*All approved*

#### *3. Tabled Nominations:*

Eric Flowers	Master's	UAMS	EDLR
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Chad Garrett	Master's	UALR	HIST
Christopher Heien	Doctorate	GE Capital	IFSC
Guoliang Huang	Doctorate	U. of MO	SYEN
Barclay Key	Doctorate	UALR	HIST
Shannon Lausch	Master's	UALR CAHC	HIST
Katina Leland	Doctorate	UALR	TCED
Christopher Mong	Doctorate	UALR	EDLR
Arun Sundararaman	Doctorate	Accenture	IFSC
Jan Thomas	Doctorate	UALR	PHIL
Frank Thurmond	Master's	UALR	ENGL

#### Report from Curriculum Committee

##### ***Clinton School***

14-6022 CSPA Program Deletion

*Approved*

##### ***College of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences***

14-6013 HIST 5330 New Course

14-6014 HIST 5340 New Course

*Both approved*

##### ***College of Business***

14-6006 BINS Admission Requirement Change

14-6007 MBA Admission Requirement Change

14-6008 WMBA Admission Requirement Change

*All approved*

##### ***College of Education and Health Professions***

14-1062 HIED 8343 Cross Listing

14-1206 SPED 5303 New Course

14-1207 SPED 5328 New Course

14-1208 SPED 7353 Course Change

14-6003 EDAS 8381 Course Suspension

14-6004 EDAS Program Change

14-6005 EDAS Program Requirement Change

14-6023 BINP Program Changes

14-6024 BINP Program Changes

*All approved*

##### ***College of Engineering and Information Technology***

14-6018 IFSC 7186-7686 New Course

14-6019 IFSC 7198-7698 New Course

14-6020 BINF 8445 Multiple Changes  
14-6021 BINF 8155-8455 New Course  
*All approved*

***Changes to Conditional Admission, proposed by EIT:***

- Dr. DeAngelis presented EIT's proposal in the last GC and Curriculum meetings.
- The main point of the proposal is to change the number of hours required to be completed before a conditional student can gain regular admission from 12 to 9.
- The language of the proposal has been revised and updated, per GC and Curriculum Comm. recommendations.
- The GC approves the updated policy, and the policy will now go before the Faculty Senate.
- GC members should speak with their faculty senators about the updated policy before it goes before the senate.

**Dean's Report:**

- The automated system for emailing new applicants with application requirements is now running, thanks to Larry Beachler and Dana Steele.
- Soon, an emailing system that automatically notifies graduate coordinators when applications for their programs are complete will be live. Automatic, emailed decision letters will also soon be live.
- With these and other efforts, the GS is trying to make applying, enrolling, etc. as efficient and easy as possible with the resources we have.
- These new systems should cut down on errors, loss of applications, and more.
- The GS has teamed up with Dr. Sonya Premeaux of COB for recruiting visits. When Dr. Premeaux visits schools to recruit this fall, we are providing her with resources to promote the GS.
- Graduate coordinator meeting is coming up next week.

**Open Forum**

Dr. Bayrak:

- Curriculum change issues: it is difficult to track the approval of CCFs, making it hard to know if it has been officially and finally approved.
  - Dr. Bayrak suggested that more observable documentation or a tracking system needs to be implemented for the CCF approval process.
  - This process is not run by the Graduate School, but the GS will look into possible solutions.
- UAMS Faculty Status: Dr. Bayrak asked about whether UAMS faculty automatically have GFS at UALR. They do not, and must apply for it through the set process.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Layton at 3:36 p.m.