

UA Little Rock Graduate Council
November 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Ottenheimer Library, Room 509

Minutes

Members Present:

Qingfang He, Laura Ruhl, Karen Kuralt, Jerry Stevenson, Nicole Godfrey, T. Greg Barrett, John Nichols, Lynne Larsen, Roger Dorsey, Sung-Kwan Kim, Nancy Hamilton, Donna Rose, Rebekah White, Yupo Chan, Trisha Rhodes, Jim Grover, David Manry

Members Absent:

Nawab Ali, Adelene McClenny, Mengjun Xie, Gary Geissler, Natalie Snow, Bryce Jackson-Litteken

Others Present:

Paula Baker, Malissa Mathis, Dana Steele, Ross Bradley, Brian Berry

Meeting called to order at **3:00 p.m**

Old Business

- Approved minutes from November 6, 2019 meeting.

New Business

- **Report of the Curriculum Committee**
 - College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences

19-6074	GEOG	4325/5325	New Course Mapping APPROVED	Map Design and Web
19-6075	ERSC	4422/5422	Multiple Changes TABLED	GIS II
19-6076	ERSC	4421/5421	Multiple Changes TABLED	GIS I

- College of Business

19-6078 FINC 4383/5383 Multiple Changes Applied Equity Analysis
APPROVED

- **Report of the Policy and Personnel Committee**

- **Nominees for Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status:**

- James E. Deitrick Doctorate UCA CEIT
APPROVED
- Dirk T. Haselow Doctorate UAMS CEIT
APPROVED
- Brian Walker Doctorate UA Little Rock CALS
APPROVED

Dean's Report

- **Announcement: Needing one more marshal for graduation.**

- Graduation is December 14, 2019, in the morning.
- Job will be to lead a group from one place to another.
- If interested or have any nominees for this position please email Paula Baker at pebaker@ualr.edu.

- **Discussion about eVersity.**

- Starting to received eVersity submissions. These are nationally instead of regionally accredited.
- UA Little Rock accepts these degrees due to an agreement with eVersity.
- If you receive these kinds of submissions from students, do not deny them because of this. Deny the student admission if they do not meet other requirements by your department/college. Accept as a valid degree.
- Dr. Finzer and Dr. Berry are in the process of making a FAQ about this.

- **Social Media Push**

- Using Cyber Monday as a capitalizing opportunity to get more applications.
- The offering of fee waivers has been okayed by the Chancellor.
 - Offering a fee waiver has been proven a success to get students to apply to the Graduate School.
 - Discussion occurred about concurrent programs and waiving those application fees. The transfer work is good, but are two sets of transcripts necessary?

- Dr. Berry is hoping to work with coordinators and to streamline something in response to this concern.
 - Example: Requested copies of transcripts from the Law School.
 - The social media ads may look like a doorbuster. Might feature free application process to the first 30 students that apply, but if there are more they'll probably have their application fee waived too.
- **Associate Dean Hiring Update**
 - This position will also have teaching responsibilities.
 - Internal search.
 - Will be posting the position and will begin interviewing soon.
 - The hiring process is going to take some time. Dr. Berry wants to make sure that departments have an opportunity to make arrangements once the internal hire occurs.

Open Forum

- **Research Transcript Collecting**
 - Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Berry did some research and checked out the process of requesting transcripts from other colleges.
 - Discovered that collecting all transcripts is a common practice among universities.
 - Currently, Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Berry are trying to figure out the “why” for this.
 - The current policy of requiring a student to collect all of their transcripts will remain the same until further notice.

Meeting Schedule for 2020

- **January 29, 2020**, is the next meeting.
- Meetings will occur every 2-weeks and skip Spring Break.
- The final Curriculum Subcommittee meeting will occur on **April 14, 2020**.
- The final Graduate Council meeting will occur on **April 15, 2020**.

Meeting adjourned **3:21 p.m.**