UA Little Rock Graduate Council
February 12, 2020 3:00 p.m.
Ottenheimer Library, Room 509

Minutes

Members Present:

Laura Ruhl, Karen Kuralt, Jerry Stevenson, T. Greg Barrett, John Nichols, Lynne Larsen, Roger Dorsey, Sung-Kwan Kim,Trisha Rhodes, Jim Grover, Natalie Snow, Gary Geissler, Nancy Hamilton, Bryce Jackson-Litteken

Members Absent:

Qingfang He, Nawab Ali, Adelene McClenny, Mengjun Xie, David Manry, Rebekah White, Heidi Harris, Donna Rose, Nicole Godfrey

Others Present:

Paula Baker, Brian Berry, Karen Kuralt, Malissa Mathis

Meeting called to order at **3:04 p.m.**

Old Business

- Bring minutes from the January 29, 2020 meeting to be reviewed at the February 26, 2020 meeting.

New Business

- **Report of the Curriculum Committee·**

  ○ **College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences**

19-6075	ERSC	4422/5422	Multiple Changes **TABLED**
19-6076	ERSC	4421/5421	Multiple Changes **TABLED**

  ○ **College of Business**

20-1012	BUSX-GC		Program Change **APPROVED**

20-1013	MBA Program		Admissions Requirement Change **APPROVED**
20-1014	MS in Business Information Systems & Analytics		Admissions Requirement Change **APPROVED**
20-1015	MGMT	7380	Title Change **APPROVED**
20-1016	MBA Program		Program Change **APPROVED**
20-1017	MGMT	7101	Prerequisite Change **APPROVED**
20-1018	MGMT-GC		Program Deletion **APPROVED**

- **Report of the Policy and Personnel Committee**
  - **Nominees for Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status:**
    - Denise O. Green — Doctorate — OVPECI — CEHP
      APPROVED
    - DeAnna Harris-McKoy — Doctorate — TAMUCT — CEHP
      APPROVED
    - Xiangwen Liu — Doctorate — NWU — EIT
      APPROVED
    - Kelly Moore — Master's — UA Little Rock — CEHP
      TABLED
    - David J. Namir — Master's — UA Little Rock — CEHP
      TABLED
    - Yu Nie — Doctorate — UA Little Rock — EIT
      APPROVED
    - Shawna Patterson-Stephens — Doctorate — UIUC — CEHP
      APPROVED

  - **Nominees for Full Graduate Faculty Status:**
    - Jacqueline Burse — Doctorate — UA Little Rock — CEHP
      TABLED

Dean's Report

- **Continuing to move forward with student applications being released to program coordinators**
    - Will take a little while longer (should be ready by Fall 2020)
    - Students can be admitted as provisional, but this means they can't receive financial aid until they are fully admitted. Once they are provisional, we will work on sending out details outlining what it means to be provisional such as not being able to be awarded financial aid so that the student(s) have more incentive to get those items needed to be fully admitted quicker.
    - Students who do not have all the items needed to be fully admitted cannot be admitted as conditional because of federal regulations.
- **Working on the Graduate Admission Decision Form to have more options on the form.**
    - Deferral of Admissions
    - Agree to come during a semester that makes sense instead of denied admissions email.
    - Allowing the student to have the option of non-degree seeking on the form will give them the option to see if graduate school is a right fit for them/ fit for the program.
    - Overall trying to get away from the harsh email of denied admission.

Open Forum

- **Graduate Student Association (GSA) President Natalie Snow spoke on future events that the GSA will be hosting throughout the semester.**
    - GSA Pay for lunch is an upcoming event on February 19th from 11am-2pm in the Trojan Cafe. GSA will pay for graduate student's lunches. Students are to email GSA@UALR.EDU for a lunch coupon.
    - Entering Academic Panel Event will be held on March 4th. There will be four faculty members from different departments to speak with graduate students about the transition from graduate student to a working professional in academia.
    - There are many more events in the works and dates will be announced once details and items are approved and GSA can move forward with advertising.
- **Reminder about the HLC Accreditation site visit is February 24th-25th**
    - Please come and attend the HLC prep sessions. These sessions are very important and will give great insight on how to be ready for the visit.

- - During the visit there will be open forums so please come and participate in the discussions. Emails have been sent out for RSVP for these open forums so we look forward to seeing you there.
    - Before attending the forums, please read the HLC assurance arguments before attending the open forums. You can find the final arguments in Blackboard under myOrganizations in the Office of the Provost shell.
  - **Reminder about the Spring Research Expo on April 17th from 12pm-3pm in Jack Stephens.**
    - The final deadline for applying is March 20th.
    - Judges are needed so please volunteer if you have time and spread the word to other faculty and staff, as well as graduate students.
    - We are trying to have everything be electronic this year. Seeing all the presentations that will be in the event, as well as reading the abstracts and hopefully judging will all be accessible through an app.
    - Judges will hopefully be able to check in via a barcode through the app.

Meeting adjourned at **3:55 p.m.**