

UA Little Rock Graduate Council
October 14, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Members Present:

Laura Ruhl, John Nichols, Lynne Larsen, Trisha Rhodes, Nicole Godfrey, Nancy Hamilton, Chelsea Bradley, Mariya Khodakovskaya, Carolyn Turturro, David Manry, Roger Dorsey

Members Absent:

Qingfang He, Gary Geissler, Jim Grover, T. Greg Barrett, Jerry Stevenson, Heidi Harris, Sung-Kwan Kim, Kamran Iqbal, Donna Rose, Natalie Snow, Jennifer Holtz

Others Present:

Paula Baker, Brian Berry, Karen Kuralt, Malissa Mathis

Meeting called to order at **3:02 p.m.**

Old Business

- Approved minutes from September 30, 2020 meeting.

New Business

- **Report of the Policy and Personnel Committee**
 - **Nominees for Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status:**

Colin Chung APPROVED	Doctorate	Kayuga Solution, Inc.	DCSTEM
Jae Hyun Kim APPROVED	Doctorate	UAPB / National Center for Toxicological Research	DCSTEM

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

Tara Martin
APPROVED

Doctorate

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Dean's Report

- Discussion about how Graduate Faculty Status forms are in the process of being improved.
 - The goal is to streamline how information for this form is collected.
 - Move to an electronic process.
- Graduation for this fall will be held virtual. Graduation is a big deal, but we have to be safe. Currently, working out all of the details about ceremony day.
 - Looking for ways to honor doctoral students. May have a live hooding session.
- Discussed about how the details are being worked out when it comes to the data to reflect the university's enrollment funnel.
 - Goal: To have data for the next meeting.
 - Wanting ideas on how the Graduate School can help serve prospective students and how to serve programs more adequately.
- Spoke about how the Graduate Coordinator Meetings are coming up soon.
 - These meetings will consist of social media training, graphic and writing support, and funding opportunities.
 - A sign-up sheet will be sent out to departments via Google Docs.
 - Days and times of these Graduate Coordinator Meetings will be based off of the feedback that is received from the sign-up sheet.

Open Forum

- Discussion of the new fillable PCF.
 - Reviewed [PCF Group Test VERSION 1](#).
 - Committee members provided the following feedback:
 - In favor of being able to upload a picture signature or other means of an electronic signature.
 - Form to be used by both the Graduate and Undergraduate departments.
 - Will have to speak with Amanda Nolen about when availability to use this new fillable PCF document. Until notified, members were advised to continue using the current version.

- Discussion of the [faculty workload policy](#) and [program coordinator report](#) were tabled for future meeting discussion.
- [Prior Learning Assessment Legislation](#) became a high priority due to the document going to the Faculty Senate for review soon.
 - The members comments believe the following:
 - Earning a max of 50% of a program degree may impact programs differently.
 - Could be used as a huge marketing tool when it comes to designing a degree that works for students.
 - Students shouldn't have to take classes that they can teach.
 - This could become an accredited issue.
 - Departments should be able to decide how to adapt this policy into their programs.
 - An opportunity to focus on a student's learning experience to reach their learning goals.
 - A way to add credits based on a student's experiences.
 - Skills will translate into coursework.
 - Will have to pay close attention to language choices when representing this information.
 - The policy can either be modified to apply to both the Undergraduate and Graduate programs.
 - A policy can be created just to reflect the Graduate programs. This would need to be something that is spoken to Amanda Nolen about.
 - The committee was in favor of creating a second document that uses as many parts as possible of the original document. Members voted on this motion via Zoom poll.
 - Depending on what the Graduate Council hears back from Amanda Nolen will determine how members move forward with modifying or structuring a new policy document.

Meeting adjourned at **4:03 p.m.**