

UA Little Rock Graduate Council
December 02, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Members Present:

Laura Ruhl, John Nichols, Lynne Larsen, Trisha Rhodes, Nicole Godfrey, Chelsea Bradley, Mariya Khodakovskaya, David Manry, Jennifer Holtz, Natalie Snow, Sung-Kwan Kim, Roger Dorsey, Nancy Hamilton, Heidi Harris, Kamran Iqbal, Donna Rose, Carolyn Turturro

Members Absent:

Jerry Stevenson, Tracy Cook

Others Present:

Dana Steele, Brian Berry, Erin Finzer

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

Old Business

- Approved minutes from November 11, 2020 meeting.

New Business

- **Report of the Curriculum Committee**

20-6091	M.A. PTW APPROVED		Program Change
20-6101	COUN APPROVED	7305	New Course
20-6102	Masters in Health Ed/Health Pr APPROVED		Other ***2 different sections with 2 separate codes will be made.
20-6103	SOWK APPROVED		Other

***Need to address some issues in the catalog. Conflicts with the current policy in the catalog that deals with double counting. Committee will need to add new wording or change the language to allow this to be concurrent.

For more info view:
<https://catalog.ualr.edu/content.php?catoid=12&navoid=1075>

Clinton School and Social Work are on the same transcript, hours and GPA are in the same area. Can only count 12 hours, but want to count 24 hours.

Committee will need to make a change in policy.

Social Work and the Clinton School already have students that are interested in enrolling in this dual enrollment.

Based on HLC definition of

campus, Clinton School is an “other campus” and there is no issue.

After approval externally, the committee will add an addendum to the catalog.

20-6106

COUN
APPROVED

7304

New Course

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

Jessica Wells
TABLED

Doctorate

Boise State
University

CBHHS

Dana Radatz
APPROVED

Doctorate

Niagara University

CBHHS

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

Andrew Amstutz
APPROVED

Doctorate

UA Little Rock

CALS

Dean’s Report

Appreciation of Committee Members

- Briefly thanked everyone for their hard work this semester. It was acknowledged that Zoom committee members are not easy. However, the Graduate Council has had great discussions despite being in a virtual environment.

Enrollment

- Discussed what enrollment numbers were currently looking like for the spring semester.
- A reminder email was sent out to students to enroll for Spring 2021. The email received a positive response. The volume of responses has the Graduate School hopeful for enrollment numbers.

- When it comes to enrollment, the Graduate School is below the -10 percent mark right now. Was approaching a -15 percent. Things are looking better in terms of SCCH.
 - **Question:** How good is our negative percent?
 - **Answer:** In terms headcount under 10 percent. 7.9 SSCH.
- Currently, the students the university has now are enrolling in more classes.
 - For the Fall semester the Graduate School was at -7 percent. This number was much closer to what was expected for the spring semester.

Open Forum

- Resume discussion of the [faculty workload policy](#) and [program coordinator report](#).
 - **Postponed discussion of these topics until the Spring 2021 meeting.**

Erin Finzer spoke about the PLA

- **See:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kydPzKojjRBIBF4uR36d2S9ir4ZMfNLCwOwOwcan0YY/edit>
- Discussion took place about how credit works for prior learning via prior learning assessment.
- **Background history:** This project started in June 2019.
- What it is: Assessing a student to see if they have met certain learning outcomes and giving them credit for their prior learning.

4 Types of PLA:

1. Military Credit
2. Credit by Exam
3. Training Credit
4. Portfolio Credit

- **Important to know:** The training and portfolio credits are now covered under the new and approved PLA Implementation plan.
- PLA will help many learn post COVID. Many of these learners may have to stop and restart their learning. PLA will help to validate their credentials.
- Research has shown that students given PLA credit end up taking more credits and have a higher retention rate.
- Dr. Finzer said they will be convening an oversight team in January to make sure everything is aligned in policy and accreditation.
- PLA is an opt in policy. Everything will go through the curriculum council. PCF documents will be coming through to council.
- This spring will be spent trying to figure out how to code PLA related information

into BANNER.

- **Important to know:** PLA is not awarding credit for the amount of time you have worked in a profession. Time served does not qualify you for credit. The purpose of PLA is educational.

Retrenchment Teach Out Plan Discussion

- There was a brief discussion of the retrenchment teach out plan. The Faculty Senate took the committee's comments into consideration. An appeal is in the process. Will be reaching out to students that are affected.

Meeting adjourned at **3:58 p.m.**