

UA Little Rock Graduate Council  
September 22, 2021, 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom Virtual Meeting

## Minutes

**Members Present:** Laura Ruhl, John Nichols, Catherine Crisp, Lynne Larsen, Daryl Tate, Donna Rose, Roger Dorsey, Jennifer Holtz, Nancy Hamilton, Rebekah White, Chelsea Bradley, Mariya Khodakovskaya, David Manry, Sung-Kwan Kim, Roger Dorsey, Nancy Hamilton, Heidi Harris, Kamran Iqbal, Robert Lytle, Jerry Stevenson

### **Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Dana Steele, Brian Berry, Paula Baker, Ross Bradley, Karen Kuralt, Erin Finzer, Gerald Driskill

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Meeting called to order at **3:01 p.m.**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Old Business**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

#### **New Business**

- Dr. Harris - Curriculum  
Approval of courses for Applied Communication.

#### **College of Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences, and Education**

21-1062	ACOM	4330/5330	New course
21-1063	ACOM	4327/5327	New course

#### **Donaghey College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**

21-1006	SYEN	4384/5384	Multiple changes
21-1008	SYEN	4374/5374	Alpha code change
21-1011	SYEN	4327/5327	Alpha code change
21-1012	SYEN	4371/5371	Alpha code change

## **New Business, continued**

- Dr. Hamilton - Affiliate status application approval

Nihal Buldu	Doctorate	OSYM (Ankara, Turkey)	School of Education	CHASSE
Kevin K. Durand	Doctorate	LISA Academy	School of Education	CHASSE
M. Emre Celebi	Doctorate	UCA	Information Science	DCSTEM
David A. Joyner	Doctorate	Georgia Tech	Information Science	DCSTEM
Xinming Li	Doctorate	Walmart Global Tech.	Information Science	DCSTEM
Michael E. Moore	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	Biology	DCSTEM
Cathy Riggins	Doctorate	Vilonia School District	Construction Management	DCSTEM

Dr. Berry and Dr. Kuralt presented two policy drafts to the Council:

### **Graduate student probation -**

#### **Option 1:**

- If a student falls below a cumulative GPA of 3.0, then they are placed on probation. They have 12 hours to raise their GPA.
- If GPA is lower, they are dismissed.
- Depends on how many hours students take in a semester.
- Students will be removed from probation when they move up from a 3.0 GPA.
  - Removed the 12 hour limit.
- Requirement that a student meets with an advisor to counsel them on the options available to them.

#### **Option 2:**

- Failure to make a 3.0 in each semester while on probation or if you receive two or more C's in a semester = dismissal.

#### **Revision on Option 1 and 2 statements**

- Discussion on rewording phrases for students to better understand the policy.

- Students are required to meet with their advisor and a graduate school advisor to discuss a plan of action to end probation/regain good academic standing.
- Need to have the wording for this ready and to the Faculty Senate by the last October meeting.
- This is being referred to the Policy Committee for the next meeting which is on October 6, 2021.

### **Transcript requirements for domestic applicants**

- Complications arise when the Graduate school requests student's transcripts from every institution.
- Instead of requiring every transcript, the deans propose requiring transcripts from any institution in which the student received a degree (at least 60 hours of coursework).
- This policy draft will also be given to the policy committee for further consideration for the next meeting on October 6, 2021.

### **Dr. Finzer: Common course numbering project**

- A common course nomenclature is in the process of being created to unify all schools eventually.
  - All courses will be renumbered in the following years.
  - Once this is set up at the UA system, the entire state will adopt this nomenclature.
  - Cleans up a lot of course articulation issues when transferring credit.
  - Some standards are based on the Florida department of higher Education system.
  - 10 digit codes including a 4-digit alpha character prefix, and a 5-digit suffix - for course expansion in departments.
  - Alpha codes correspond to programs, not departments.
    - 1st character - course level
    - 2nd and 3rd - course identifiers
    - 4th - credit hours or place holder
    - 5th - credit hours

**Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.**