

UA Little Rock Graduate Council
April 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: Chelsea Bradley, Roger Dorsey, Nancy Hamilton, Heidi Harris, John Nichols, Laura Ruhl-Whittle, Jerry Stevenson, Lynne Larsen, Natalie Snow, Robert Lytle, Mariya Khodakovskaya, Kamran Iqbal

Members Absent: Tracy Cook, David Manry, Jennifer Holtz, Donna Rose, Sung-Kwan Kim, Carolyn Turturro

Others Present: Paula Baker, Brian Berry, Nicole Godfrey, Karen Kuralt, Dana Steele, Ross Bradley

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

Welcome and Introductions

Old Business

- Approved minutes from April 14, 2021 meeting.

New Business

- **Report of the Curriculum Committee**

21-1003	ECED APPROVED	4320/5320	Multiple Changes
21-1009	SYEN APPROVED	4335/5335	Multiple Changes
21-1013	SYEN APPROVED	4376/5376	Number Change
21-1014	SYEN APPROVED	4326/5326	Number Change

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

Brian Walker
APPROVED

Doctorate

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Dean's Report

- Big thanks to Grad Council for the work completed throughout the academic year.
- Special thanks to Dr. Harris and Dr. Hamilton for chairing the committees. Gratitude was expressed for Dr. Ruhl chairing the Grad Council. Great appreciation was indicated for all Grad Council members.
- Grad School enrollment is still looking great when compared to Undergrad.
- Due to the current pandemic circumstances, Grad School enrollment is up across the nation.
- Big thanks to all graduate programs that are working hard to admit students.
- Huge kudos to Paula (Director of Admissions). Paula is essentially doing it all when it comes to getting students admitted.
- Graduate commencement details are being worked out. One email was previously sent, but a new email is on its way.
- Graduation ceremonies will take place on May 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th. Each night is for a different college.
- No guests can attend the ceremonies. Guests can greet and meet students outside to celebrate.
- All of the graduation ceremonies will be live-streamed. Details will be released soon.
- Big thanks to Tiffany and Dr. Kuralt for engaging social media and running email campaigns for enrollment.
- Inviting winners of *We Heart Our Faculty* to speak at the graduation ceremonies.

Open Forum

- Discussion about the Faculty Workload Policy that is effective starting August 15, 2021.
 - The same policy was submitted to Faculty Senate two years ago.
 - Nothing new in the document.
- Grad Association is having elections on May 6th.
 - Big turnout for open positions. Some positions are still open.
 - Encourage students to apply and be involved.

Meeting adjourned at **3:50 P.M.**