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

21-1015	SYEN	4315/5315	Changing Alpha
	APPROVED		Code

• Report of the Policy and Personnel Committee

• Applications for Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status:

Keegan Nichols APPROVED	Doctorate	Arkansas Tech University	CHASSE
Harrison Johnson APPROVED	Doctorate	Jackson State University	CHASSE
Barry Hancock APPROVED	Doctorate	John A. Logan College	CHASSE
TaJuan Wilson APPROVED	Doctorate	Georgia Southern University	CHASSE
Steve Robinson APPROVED	Doctorate	Lansing Community College	CHASSE
Brian An APPROVED	Doctorate	University of Iowa	CHASSE
Cliff Jones APPROVED	Doctorate	Arkansas State University	CHASSE
Bentley Wallace APPROVED	Doctorate	South Arkansas Community College	CHASSE
Brian Shonk APPROVED	Doctorate	University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville	CHASSE
Cathy Cline APPROVED	Doctorate	East Arkansas Community College	CHASSE
Steve Rook APPROVED	Doctorate	Arkansas State University Three Rivers	CHASSE
Benjamin Gibbs APPROVED	Doctorate	University of Nebraska at Omaha	CBHHS

Applications for Graduate Faculty Full Status:

Brian Walker Doctorate UA Little Rock DCSTEM APPROVED

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.