

UA Little Rock Graduate Council
April 13, 2022, 3:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: Laura Ruhl, Lynne Larsen, Nancy Hamilton, Mariya Khodakovskaya, Roger Dorsey, Daryl Tate, Sung-Kwan Kim, Catherine Crisp, Jerry Stevenson, Londie Martin, Donna Rose, John Nichols, Chelsea Bradley, Kamran Iqbal, Robert Lytle

Members Absent: Jennifer Holtz, David Manry, Rebekah White

Others Present: Nicole Godfrey, Paula Baker, Karen Kuralt, Dana Steele, Brian Berry, Donna-Rae Eldridge, Elizabeth Pierce, Erin Finzer

Start: 3:01

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes from 3/30/2022 meeting.

New Business:

Report of the Curriculum Committee:

22-1025	Master of Public Admin.	Reactive Course	PADM 7332
221028	Business Info Systems	Dual - List	BINS 5331
22-1030	Business Info Systems	New Course	BINS 7312
[# TBD]	Information Quality	New Course	INFQ 7374
[# TBD]	Information Quality	Suspend Course	INFQ 7353
[# TBD]	Technology Innovation	Suspend Course	TINV 5301
[# TBD]	Technology Innovation	Suspend Course	TINV 5303
[# TBD]	MS in Bioinformatics	Program Change/LON	Add to Online Campus

Discussion of the MS in Bioinformatics proposal regarding the requirement of synchronous courses in an online program:

- Asynchronous and synchronous classes: In some programs, there may be courses where synchronous classes provide a better learning experience.
- However, to be offered as part of the online campus (and be eligible for the flat tuition rate), all courses must be asynchronous unless authorization is granted.

- Dr. Finzer clarified that the “online campus” is a specific business model. Departments may offer programs online without having them added to the “online campus.” Approval for 1) offering an online program (through the main campus) and 2) approval to add an online program to the “online campus” are separate processes. The online campus process happens via the Office of E-Learning; it is independent from ADHE approval process (PCFs and LONs) and is entirely internal to UA Little Rock..

Nominee(s) for Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status:

Tammy Scaife MA Professional/Technical Writing CHASSE

Dean’s Report

Dr. Berry: Graduate scholarship - Get Your Feet Wet.

- Aimed at students on the fence about going to grad school because of a financial barrier.
- The scholarship pays for 1 course.
- 23 awards were given out this year in the spring and fall semesters.
- The scholarship will be continued next year with a doubled budget.
- We will begin accepting Fall 2022 applications for this award in May.

Dr. Kuralt: Student Success Office - student retention initiative peer mentor positions now available for grad students as well as undergrads

- Deadline to apply : April 15, 2022.
- Email: studentsuccess@ualr.edu for more information.
- \$400 stipend - 3 hour/week commitment.

Open Forum:

Dr. Nichols

- Discussed the need for a code of conduct for thesis and dissertation students and their committees in cases of substantial conflicts.

- The student or advisor could be right - conflict resolution strategies and procedures are needed to resolve the disagreement.
- Dr. Berry responded that the Grad School is working on finishing a revision of the Graduate Student Handbook:
 - There will be language in the handbook about relationships between faculty and students to have a document to refer to during conflict resolution situations.
 - The handbook is estimated to be finished by the end of the summer to be able to possibly give out to students for the Fall semester.

Dr. Ruhl

- The last meeting for Graduate Council will be April 27th for this semester.

End: 4:15