

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**April 2, 2014**

**Members Present:** Karen Kuralt, Jeffrey Grubbs, Roger Dorsey, Kent Layton, Yupo Chan, Brian Berry, Maureen James, Nancy Landrum, Marc Seigar, Lillie Wichinsky, Emily Davis, and Paige Buffington.

**Members Absent:** Tara DeJohn, Ibrahim Duyar, Betty Wood, Lirong Zeng, Shaun Thomas, Angela Hunter, David Dearman, Guoliang Huang, and Daniel Berleant.

**Others Present:** Johanna Lewis and Steven Minsker (for Guoliang Huang and Daniel Berleant).

Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Dr. Marc Seigar.

**Announcements:**

- Reminder: the 4+1 program will be discussed at the April 18 Faculty Senate. If you had anything to do with the program's creation, please try to attend.

**Old Business:** minutes from March 19 approved.

**New Business:**

Curriculum Subcommittee:

***College of Science***

14-1095 ASCI Applied Science M.S. and Ph.D. Program Changes

*Approved.*

14-1096 HSCI 7326 Lab Techniques in Exercise Science: New Course

14-1097 HSCI 7337 Sport Facility and Event Management: New Course

14-1098 HSCI 7327 Neuromechanics: New Course

*All tabled due to lack of department representation at Curriculum meeting.*

14-1104 ERSC 5372 Surface Water Hydrology: New Course

*Tabled so department can add a graduate student component to the syllabus.*

14-1110 ERSC 5322 Environmental Geology: Prerequisite Change

14-1112 ERSC 5323 Geology of Arkansas: Prerequisite Change and Description Change

14-1115 ERSC 5473 Hydrogeology: Multiple Changes

14-1118 ERSC 5391 Cooperative Ed. Earth Science: Multiple Changes

14-1122 ERSC 5419 Geomorphology: Multiple Changes

14-1124 ERSC 5421 Intro to Geographic Information Systems: Course Description Change  
14-1126 ERSC 5422 Applied Geographic Information Systems: Course Description Change  
14-1128 ERSC 5426 Intro to Remote Sensing: Course Description Change

*All approved.*

Additional item: Dr. Coskun Bayrak spoke with the committee on 4/1 about some concerns his department has with rule that graduate students cannot have more than 40% of their course load be 5000-level (dual listed) classes (p. 26 of Graduate Catalog). This limit could affect the success of students in the 4+1 program.

- The 40% rule is not a state requirement, but the state does require that 50% or more of a graduate student's hours be in solely graduate-level classes. A solution, then, might be to raise the 40% rule to 50%.
- This limit also could pose problems for existing programs that have a large number of 5000-level classes regularly taken by master's and even doctoral students, though 5000-level is intended to be a lower level.
- Courses taken at too low a level can cause problems for records, state and federal funding, and more.
- This issue will be discussed at greater length in the coming weeks; if anyone has comments, questions, or suggestions, please email Dr. Kuralt.

Personnel Subcommittee:

***Recommendation for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status***

Michael Braswell      Doctoral      East TN State U.      CRJU

*Approved.*

***Recommendation for Full Graduate Faculty Status***

Teresa Preston      Doctoral      UALR      MKTG

*Approved.*

**Dean's Report:** Dean Casey is absent.

**Associate Dean's Report:**

- Program coordinators have been notified that they need to send in Spring 2014 doctoral graduates' information for the commencement program.
- The new application has been live for a couple weeks, and the number of applicants is already up. The GS is now working on keeping in contact with them.
- 3 faculty marshals are still needed for graduation; all colleges but AHSS need representation.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Seigar at 3:25 p.m.