

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
April 30, 2014

Members Present: Karen Kuralt, Roger Dorsey, Betty Wood, Kent Layton, Yupo Chan, Ibrahim Duyar, Brian Berry, Maureen James, Shaun Thomas, Marc Seigar, Emily Davis, and Paige Buffington.

Members Absent: Jeffrey Grubbs, Tara DeJohn, Nancy Landrum, Lirong Zeng, Angela Hunter, Lillie Wichinsky, David Dearman, Guoliang Huang, and Daniel Berleant.

Others Present: Coskun Bayrak for Guoliang Huang, Johanna Lewis, and Paula Casey.

Meeting called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Dr. Marc Seigar.

Old Business: minutes from April 16 approved.

Update on Emeritus Graduate Faculty Status: Dr. Seigar discussed the issue with Dr. Andrew Wright. They found that in the constitution those with emeritus status are referred to as faculty members, implying that they have faculty rights and privileges. This finding effectively nullifies the graduate faculty status issue.

Update on Graduate Assistantship Policy: Brian Berry and the related ad hoc committee drafted the “Guidelines for the Appointment and Termination of Graduate Assistants” document. However, they were not aware of the existing official GA policy, so much of the new document’s content will be done away with.

- The committee’s focus was on clearly defining grounds and procedure for GA dismissal.
- They also hope to add that all GAs should have a designated supervisor when they are appointed.
- Legitimate reasons should be required for dismissal, to protect students.
- They also think that standardization of GA performance evaluation needs to happen.
- Forms for these proposed processes need to be generated.
- Differentiation between reassigning a GA to a different supervisor and dismissing him/her altogether needs to be made.
- When in doubt, the additions will work to protect students as well as possible.
- Most likely, the committee will end up adding their proposed changes, after revisions, to the current GA policy document.
- If anyone has comments or suggestions, the Google document will remain open.

New Business:

Curriculum Subcommittee:

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

- 14-1057 RHET 5372 Usability Testing and Design: New Course
- 14-1229 RHET 7373 Special Topics in Online Writing Instruction: New Course
- 14-1230 RHET 7372 Multimedia in Online Writing Instruction: New Course
- 14-1231 RHET 7371 Online Writing Instruction: New Course
- 14-1232 RHET 7333 Topics in Editing and Publishing: New Course
- 14-1233 RHET 7336 Technology of the Book: New Course
- 14-1228 PUHI MA: Admissions Requirement Change
- 14-1234 ENGL 5355 Readings in European Fiction: Dual Listing
- 14-1235 IDST MA: Program Change

All approved.

Donaghey College of Engineering and Information Technology

- 14-1133 CNMG 5313 Construction Management Fundamentals: New Course
- 14-1172 CNMG 5399 Special Topics: New Course
- 14-1167 IFSC Integrated Computing/Information Science Doctoral Program: Program Change
- 14-1168 IFSC 7370 Data Science and Technologies: New Course
- 14-1169 IGCP: Program Change
- 14-1170 IFSC MS in Information Science: New Program
- 14-1171 IFSC Graduate Certificate in Data Science: New Program

All approved.

College of Business

- 14-1156 BINS 5351 Data Analysis and Reporting: New Course
- 14-1165 BINS Graduate Certificate: Program Change
- 14-1201 BINS 7309 Cloud-Based Bus Intelligence: New Course
- 14-1202 BINS Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics: New Program
- 14-1166 MGMT 7341 Strategic Human Resource Management: Description Change

All approved.

College of Education

- 14-1173 GATE M.Ed in Teaching the Gifted and Talented: Program Change
- 14-1174 GATE M.Ed in Teaching the Gifted and Talented: Program Change
- 14-1189 SPED 5343 Disability Law: Multiple Course Changes (suspension paperwork for SPED 7343 is forthcoming)
- 14-1196 SPED 5326 Assessment in Special Education: New Course
- 14-1197 SPED 5330 Charact- Methods Severe Disability: New Course

College of Professional Studies

- 14-1068 PADM 7334 Grant Writing for Public and Nonprofit Managers: Course changes
 - 14-1069 PADM 7344 Fundraising and Development for Nonprofit Organizations: New Course
- Still tabled, will possibly be discussed again in the fall.*
- 14-1181 SOWK 7394 Social Work Practice in Schools: New Course

Approved.

College of Science

14-1104 ERSC 5372 Surface Water Hydrology: New course
Still tabled, will possibly be discussed again in the fall.

Personnel Subcommittee:

Recommendation for Full Graduate Faculty Status

Johanna Thomas	Doctoral	UALR	SOWK
Robert Hines	Doctoral	UALR	PSYCH

Both approved.

Recommendation for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status

Ed Franklin	Doctoral	Retired	EDLR
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All approved.

Dean's Report:

- There are 3 finalists for the Graduate School dean position, all will be on campus next week.
 - Each candidate will get a tour of the GS, a meeting with the GC, and a reception; May graduates are being invited to the receptions.
 - GC meetings: May 6 (location TBA), May 8 (SSC 422), and May 15 (SSC 422) at 4:00 p.m.
- The other 2 candidates for the ALS dean position will also be on campus next week.
- An online feedback process should be available for each candidate if anyone wants to give feedback after meeting them.
- More prospective college deans will be visiting in the next few weeks.
- The new application system seems to be working, though it will take 1-2 academic years to really know if it is successful in recruiting students. Applications are up about 75% from this time last year.
- The GS is working hard to get all the new applications processed, though they are down 5 people. Dana Steele is currently doing the jobs of 3 people, and an extra labor person has been hired to help with applications.

Associate Dean's Report:

- Nothing to report.

Open Forum:

Dr. Seigar thanks the GC for a great year and for excellent input and participation. He still needs volunteers to chair the GC next year; interested members should email him.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Seigar at 4:15 p.m.