

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

Graduate Council Minutes

February 16, 2011

Members Present: Bauer, Cantrell, Dorsey, Hossain, James, Jennings, Kim, Kuralt, Lanza, Liles, McAlpine, Mirivel, Moak, Nolen, Pierce, Turturro, Wood, Yoshigoe

Members Absent: Briscoe, Dearman, Seigar, Sweeney, Zacher

Others Members Present: Brooks, Miller Lewis, Pellicane

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Meeting started @3:02pm

Minutes of the February 12, 2011, meeting approved

Report of Curriculum Committee:

Donaghey College of Engineering & Information Technology

SYEN	PhD in Engineering Science & Systems	New Program
(11-1003) SYEN 5300	Independent Study	Dual Listing
(11-1004) SYEN 5382	Microelectromechanical Systems	Dual Listing
(11-1005) SYEN 5383	Finite Element Method	Dual Listing
(11-1006) SYEN 7300	Independent Study	New Course
(11-1007) ASCI 7328	Tissue Culture and Genetic Engineering	New Course
(11-1008) IFSC 5360	Social Computing	Dual Listing
(11-1009) INFQ 7348	Entity Resolution & IQ	New Course

All curriculum requests approved.

Report of Personnel Committee:

AFFILIATE

William R. Green, Ph.D.	Diss. Committee, U S Geological Survey	EIT
Frances A. Morgan, M.A.	Instr. Public History, Clinton Government Project	AHSS
Elizabeth L. Noble, M.F.A.	Instructor/Research Asst., UALR	CAHSS
Travis Ratermann, M.S.	Instr. Public History, AR Historic Preservation	AHSS

Brian A. Robertson, M.A.	Manuscripts Coordinator, Butler Center	AHSS
Lee S.F. Soderberg, Ph.D.	Professor, Director Grad. Interdisciplinary Prgm	CSAM
Weida Tong, Ph.D.	Diss. Committee, NCTR Dir. Bioinformatics Center	EIT

Dr. Pierce represented for Dr. Dearman. All personnel requests approved.

Dean's Report:

Dr. Pellicane stated that he has been in budget hearings for the past two days. He asked for a significant increase in graduate assistantship funding. He will not know the outcome until the new budget is approved.

He has been trying to find an insurance policy for PhD graduate students. It has been a challenge since it will probably require a new UALR policy as it doesn't seem likely to piggy-back the GA insurance onto an existing UALR student insurance policy. A new policy would have to be put out for bid.

He met with Gwen Middleton, Director of McNair, and he has suggested that we host a McNair Conference on our campus. If approved it will be in Fall 2012.

The Student (graduate and undergraduate) Research Expo will be held on April 11; March 14 is the submission deadline.

Dr. Pellicane will send links for two videos: a UALR video on export control and a video prepared by the Federal Office of Research Integrity.

A new GRE exam is now being released.

The next Graduate Coordinators' meeting will be held next Wednesday at 3pm in DKS 100.

Associate Dean's Report: none

Old Business:

Graduate School Policies: Scholastic Standards (Pellicane): Approved

Other Business:

Dr. Yoshigoe voiced a concern about the inconsistency and flexibility of grading policy among graduate programs in this campus, specifically as it relates to thesis and dissertation hours. He suggested that the Graduate Council consider the possibility of implementing a Graduate Program Grading Policy to be followed by all graduate programs. There was discussion about the possibility of requiring letter grades (instead of IPs) every semester for students who enroll in thesis and dissertation hours and/or whether S and U grades would be better. There are issues with UALR getting state support for courses that aren't "completed" each semester; does this apply to IP or I grades? Dr. Lewis said she would check with Susan Hoffpauir about this and get back with Council.

Four remaining Graduate School Policies still need review (assigned champion in parentheses):

1. Graduate School Admission (Nolen)
2. Graduate School Short-Term, Off-Campus, and Distance Education Courses (Pierce)
3. Graduate School International Student Admission (Mirivel)
4. Tuition Rates for Grad Students Enrolled in UG Courses policies (Jennings)

Meeting adjourned 4:02pm