

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
January 22, 2014

Members Present: Jeffrey Grubbs, Karen Kuralt, Roger Dorsey, Nancy Landrum, Betty Wood, Kent Layton, Ibrahim Duyar, Daniel Berleant, Yupu Chan, Tara DeJohn, Shaun Thomas, Brian Berry, Emily Davis, and Paige Buffington.

Members Absent: Angela Hunter, David Dearman, Guoliang Huang, Maureen James, Lillie Wichinsky, Lirong Zeng, Marc Seigar, and Karen Wheeler.

Others Present: Paula Casey.

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Dr. Kent Layton, filling in for Dr. Seigar.

Announcements:

- Tara DeJohn will be representing the Graduate Council on the search committee for the new graduate dean.
- The Faculty Senate is discussing the Graduate Faculty Status Proposal this Friday, January 24. Any GC members that are able should attend.
 - Andrew Wright requested it be formatted slightly differently; Dr. Layton has reformatted it for Friday with direct reasons why the proposal is needed and positive.
- The GC is looking for an AHSS representative to replace Dr. Laura Smoller this semester, as she has a class conflict.

Old Business: Minutes from December 4 approved.

New Business:

- Curriculum Subcommittee

College of Education

14-1000 CARE/MA in Counseling Program Change

Approved

Donaghey College of Engineering and Information Technology

13-6071 CPSM Program Name Change

Approved

- Personnel Subcommittee

1. *Recommendation for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status*

Jingbiao Cui	Doctorate	UALR	ASCI
Huixiao Hong	Doctorate	FDA	INFQ

Dimitra Jackson	Doctorate	Texas Tech. U.	EDAS
Rajesh Jugulum	Doctorate	Citi Group	INFQ
Laura Sebastian-Coleman	Doctorate	UnitedHealth Group	INFQ
Phillip Williams	Doctorate	UALR	BINF

All Approved

2. Recommendation for Full Graduate Faculty Status

David Gilliam	Doctorate	UALR	BUSA
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Approved

Teresa Preston	Doctorate	UALR	BUSA
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GC will wait to approve until Dr. Preston has signed the nomination form

Dean's Report:

- The Graduate School is busy but running well.
- Enrollment is down, but could be worse.
- The enrollment coordinator position has not yet been filled; Dr. Lewis is currently reviewing the over 90 applications received.
- Results from live recruiting sessions are not as great as we hoped. If members of the GC have specific schools in mind that would be productive to visit, they should let Dean Casey know.
- A private company has redesigned all Graduate School application and recruiting materials; they are about to go live.
 - This includes direct mail, targeted emails, and follow-ups with interested students, all of which will be done through the private company.
- Some academic policies listed on the Policy website do not match the information in the catalog. Additionally, some information from both the Policy website and the catalog do not match current individual program requirements. Some of these inconsistencies may be brought before the GC in the future to provide official clarity.
 - Dr. Karen Kuralt suggested that these inconsistencies may sometimes be the result of departments changing information when they are asked to edit their sections for a new version of the catalog.
 - It is unclear which source should be considered the rule; in conflicting cases, Dean Casey has been upholding whichever policy works in the student's best interest.
- Dr. Seigar, Dean Casey, and the assigned ad hoc committee are hoping to create official policies relating to GAs and TAs, especially concerning dismissal procedures. If anyone has suggestions for this document, they should send them to the ad hoc committee.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Layton at 3:36 p.m.