

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
Graduate Council Minutes
November 10, 2010

Members Present: Bauer, Cantrell, Dorsey, James, Jennings, Kuralt, Lanza, Liles, McAlpine, Mirivel, Moak, Nolen, Pierce, Seigar, Wood

Members Absent: Akter, Briscoe, Kim, Sweeney, Yoshigoe, Zacher

Others Present: Brooks, Miller Lewis, Minnick, Pellicane, Philpotts

Meeting started @3:03pm

Dean's Report:

Dr. Pellicane stated that he is close to getting health insurance approved for PhD students; he has been in contact with Marie Sandusky in Health Services. Programs can use the insurance as a recruiting tool.

Old Business:

Graduate School Policies: Scholastic Standards (Pellicane)

Dr. Pellicane stated that since there have been issues relating to grading that he wanted to develop some policies to give students due process. Dr. Lewis mentioned that there is some conflict with the way the current proposal is worded and current policy. Dr. Jennings suggested that these policies be tabled again so Drs. Pellicane and Lewis can reconcile these conflicts.

Report of Curriculum Committee:

College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences

(10-6041) ENGL 5311	Medieval Literature	Dual Listing
(10-6042) ENGL 5314	Topics in Medieval & Renaissance	Dual Listing
(10-6043) ENGL 5321	English Renaissance Drama	Dual Listing
(10-6044A) ENGL 4368	Literary Theory	Title Change
(10-6044B) ENGL 5368	Literary Theory	Dual Listing
(10-6049) ENGL 5345	Topics in 19 th Century Literature	Dual Listing
(10-6050) ENGL 5366	Contemporary Literature	Dual Listing
(10-6051A) ENGL 4375/5375	Adolescent Literature	New Course
(10-6051B) ENGL 5375	Adolescent Literature	New Course

Dr. Kuralt stated that all courses were dual-listed for the English department to help the MALS program. Dr. Trey Philpotts (Chair) and J. Bradley Minnick (Assistant Professor) of the English Department represented these curriculum changes. Dr. Lanza stated that she could not understand why students could take a 4000-level course and repeat it at the 5000-level on some curriculum forms, but for one in particular (Medieval Literature), they could not. Dr. Philpotts stated that students would have to get permission from the instructor to repeat these courses; he wanted the instructor to have some flexibility. Dr.

Jennings confirmed that there is no policy prohibiting a student from taking a 5000-level version of the course if they've taken the 4000-level if the course has been so approved. *All English course changes approved.*

(10-6060) RHET 5322 Advanced Editing New Course (*approved*)

College of Science and Mathematics

(10-6066) MATH 7329 Theory of Finite Element Methods New Course (*tabled*)

While recommended for approval by the Curriculum Committee, there was some concern expressed by the full Council about the grading policy: students are graded solely on two tests, and, if they miss one, the remaining one test determines their entire grade. Dr. Nolan stated that even if this is the policy in department, it doesn't seem right. Dr. Lanza stated that this was not geared for student success. Dr. Jennings was charged with contacting the department chair and the professor to discuss this matter and possibly invite them to come to the next Graduate Council meeting.

The Graduate Council also asked Dr. Kuralt to follow up the Dr. Eshleman (Faculty Senate President) concerning the level of enforcement that the Graduate Council should take in the future should it believe that a new course proposal duplicates an existing course.

Old Business:

Minutes of the October 27, 2010, Meeting Approved

Report of Personnel Committee:

Full

Michael C. "Clay" Posey, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	COB
Otmar E. Varela, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	COB
Richard W. Woolridge, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	COB

Affiliate

Rosa Lilia Lopez-Beccera, Ph.D.	Associate Professor	EIT
Hermant Joshi, Ph.D.	Researcher/Software Developer	EIT
Robert E. McGehee, Jr., Ph.D.	Professor Pediatrics/Dean Grad School	EIT
John-David Swanson, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	CSAM
Jon Wilkes, Ph.D.	FDA Research Chemist	EIT

Dr. Liz Pierce presented for the Personnel Committee. All were approved.

Associate Dean's Report:

Dr. Lewis described the new graduation checkout application; it appears as though the graduate coordinators will be doing more work than usual. Dr. Jennings stated that is more of a Graduate School issue, and not one for the Graduate Council, but asked if Council could review the graduation application before it goes live; Dr. Lewis agreed.

Other Business

The next meeting (last meeting of the Fall 2010 semester) of the Graduate Council will be December 1st.

Meeting adjourned 4:20