

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
Graduate Council Minutes
November 4, 2009

Members Present: Hunter, Kuralt, McAlpine, Dearman, Swingen, Nolen, Gentry, Mirivel, Turturro, Jennings, James, Kays, Moak

Members Absent: Cantrell, Wood, Robison, Sweeney, Seigar, Bhattacharyya, Pierce, Gann

Others Present: , Lewis, Pellicane, Shelton

Approval of October 21, 2009 minutes

Approved

Old Business

- The Provost's Office still has not published Graduate Council Action items on its faculty listserv. Steve Jennings has been in indirect contact with Barbara Alston to try again to get this in practice.
- (Note: the following topic was actually discussed later in the meeting, upon Amanda Nolen's arrival.) Steve Jennings asked if there were any trans-college concerns regarding the Institutional Review Board (IRB) which would best be addressed by the Graduate Council during the open comment period. Stacy Moak said that the Criminal Justice department will draft a response, because the IRB's overbearing restrictions are hampering research on this campus, and could practically shut down research endeavors in her area. She thinks the Criminal Justice draft should be a part of a response that the Graduate Council could support.

Amanda Nolen pointed out that UALR's [IRB Policies and Procedures Manual](http://ualr.edu/irb/uploads/2009/10/IRB_policies_DRAFT_2009.pdf) (http://ualr.edu/irb/uploads/2009/10/IRB_policies_DRAFT_2009.pdf) is 180+ pages long, and is written in highly technical language, whereas comparable documents at sister institutions are much more tenable (thirteen pages at University of Memphis, for example) and written in layman's terms.

Pat Pellicane mentioned that he has taken a course offered by the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), but that shorter courses are offered which might be a good option for interested parties.

Judyth Swingen suggested that UALR could have two separate IRBs—one for the social sciences and another for "hard" sciences.

Steve Jennings acknowledged that a trans-program response by the Graduate Council would be an appropriate measure to take, and he asked that suggestions of talking points be sent to him so he can draft a cohesive response.

New Business

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Report of Curriculum Sub-committee:

All approved

College of Education

09-6134 Teacher Education, M.S.Ed.

Program: change

09-6135 SCED 7104 *Curriculum Design*

Course: deletion

College of Professional Studies

09-1103 SOWK 8238 *Women & Family Issues in Social Work*

Course: new

Report of Personnel Sub-committee:

Approved

Affiliate

Michael Pickering, PhD

Senior Researcher, Army Center for Enhanced Performance CSAM

Associate Dean's Report:

none

Dean's Report:

Dean Pellicane announced that Pattie McCord, from the Office of Records and Registration, will plan to attend subsequent Curriculum Subcommittee meetings. Undergraduate Council and Graduate Curriculum are scheduled in the same time slot, and the Dean asked if Graduate Curriculum could change its meeting time to accommodate Ms. McCord's attendance at both.

Adjourned at 4:11