

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
October 1, 2014

Members Present: Karen Kuralt, Roger Dorsey, Kent Layton, Jim Grover, Michael DeAngelis, Tansel Karabacak, John Siegel, Marjorie Williams-Smith, Brian Berry, Daniel Berleant, Vickie Edwards, and Emily Davis.

Members Absent: Gaurav Kumar, Gail Hughes, Coskun Bayrak, and Shaun Thomas.

Others Present: Dana Steele and Larry Beachler.

Meeting called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Dr. Kent Layton.

Old Business

Minutes from 9/17 approved.

New Business

Report from Personnel Committee

All nominations tabled until next meeting; Dr. Hughes is out of town.

Report from Curriculum Committee

No new business.

Open Forum

4+1 Policy:

- This policy was approved by the GC and Faculty Senate last year. Dr. Layton shared that he had met recently with Dr. Abhijit Bhattacharyya and Dr. Andrew Wright, who was representing Faculty Senate, to discuss the policy. Dr. Bhattacharyya was interested in initiating the next steps to actually propose a 4+1 program that would operate under the constructs of the policy.
- Now, if a program decides to participate, it will need to submit a PCF for its specific 4+1 curriculum. The PCF will need to be approved by both Undergraduate Council and Graduate Council.
- At the Graduate School, the process of making sure the program in general is ready to go will mean working with Records and Registration, Financial Aid, and other offices. This process will most likely take a few months.

Automated CCF Process:

- Last week, Dr. Bayrak asked about the possibility of implementing a tracking process for CCF approval.

- Since the approval process is controlled by the Provost's office, the Graduate School and Council have very little say in the tracking system. Tracking systems have been looked at in the past, but were too expensive.

Huron Group Report: Dr. Layton has requested the report from the provost.

Program Growth:

- Unofficial data showing enrollment numbers for each graduate program from Fall 2009 to Fall 2014 was handed out.
- The programs with the most growth are Applied Communications, Conflict Mediation, Counselor Education, Information Quality, Public History, Reading Ph.D., and Systems Engineering.
- Dr. Layton requests that GC members reach out to these programs and ask what has made them successful, and report back to the GC.

Conditional Admission Changes:

- CALS and CSSC do not have substantive objections to the EIT-proposed conditional admission changes that have been discussed in GC in the last few weeks. Dr. Layton does not believe the Education programs would object to it, either.
- A formal motion will now be written so the changes can be presented to Faculty Senate.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Layton at 2:33 p.m.