

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**  
**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**September 12, 2012**

**Members Present:** David McAlpine, Angela Hunter, Roger Dorsey, Sung-kwan Kim, Betty Wood, Amanda Nolen, Kenji Yoshigoe, Maureen James, Tara DeJohn, Lillie Wichinsky, Marc Seigar, Brian Berry, Yupu Chan, Lirong Zeng

**Members Absent:** Karen Kuralt, David Dearman, Chyrle Cantrell, Radu Babiceanu, and Stacy Moak

**Others Present:** Patrick Pellicane, Johanna Miller Lewis, Sandra Robertson, Jeffery Walker, Laura Smith Olinde, Rita Sterling, Sheena Brooks, and Dana Steele

Meeting called to order at 3:00 by Amanda Nolen

Minutes from August 29, 2012 were approved.

**Welcome by UALR Faculty Senate President – Laura Smith Olinde**

Laura thanked the council and gave them their charge.

**Comments from Interim Provost – Sandra Robertson**

Sandra Robertson gave a quick update on the AP. The campus will be talking about the contract with AP online. Everyone should have a copy of the contract by now. She asked one thing to think about in regards to faculty issues related to: - how to impact work/course load and faculty/coach evaluations.

She states that she know quality is number one to everyone. She asked for faculty issues so that she can prepare for any question that might be asked in the information sessions. If you have any faculty issues, she asked that they be sent to Amanda Nolen. Amanda will compile them and give them to Sandra. If you prefer, you can send them directly to Sandra or you can schedule meeting time with her if you want to meet about your concern. She is willing to come back to the graduate council and address issues.

She recommended that everyone that can attend Dr. Bobbitt's meeting when he comes to UALR campus on September 28<sup>th</sup>. He may be able to address some questions.

**Jeffery Walker** – addressing questions on AP in respect to Criminal Justice MS program.

Johanna Lewis introduced Jeffery Walker. Jeffery is the chair of the Criminal Justice program. Angela Hunter commented that the AP wants no degree online that is on campus. Jeffery noted that the MS in CRJU is moving to AP not the 15 weeks. The BA will not be doing that because of three things: Online, In class, and AP.

Faculty made the choice for short terms. Students will take two classes per semester. Students are better off because they can concentrate on one course at a time. They thought that they could

get better quality control with the MS program. Yupo Chan commented that the student can move more concentration to just the one course.

Question was asked about financial aid hours. Johanna Lewis said that six hours for financial aid based on the 15 week. Angela Hunter commented that AP uses the “easier” but that it is not that the course is “easier”. Jeffery Walker said that it is only in respect to that it is a 15 week in seven weeks and just one course at a time. Yupo Chan mentioned audience capture that they should use this in cases like military students. Jeffery Walker said that they do have military students in the MS and that this will take the three year program to a 16 month completion time. This will allow military students to finish up before their orders change. Yupo Chan said that this would work well for areas like the Air force Base where their time is limited. Jeffery Walker said it would help a lot of the officers.

### **Announcements**

- Dr. Bobbitt’s meeting
- Don’t forget the VCEM candidate on campus Friday 10:30 open meeting
- Provost finalist soon
- Amanda Nolen will be setting up a Blackboard Community for the Graduate Council

### **New Business:**

#### **Report of Curriculum Committee:**

##### **College of Business**

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| 12-1170 | MGMT 5361 New Venture Creation – Suspend                     |
| 12-1171 | MGMT 5312 Object-oriented Programming – Suspend              |
| 12-1172 | FINC 5330/7335 International Finance – Suspend FINC 5330     |
| 12-1173 | FINC 5320/7323 Bank Financial Management – Suspend FINC 5320 |
| 12-1174 | ECON 5350/7350 Applied Econometrics – Suspend ECON 5350      |

All passed as group

##### **College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**

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| 12-1167 | PHIL 5373 Philosophy of Race – New course dual listed with PHIL 4373 |
| 12-1168 | HIST 5363 Law in American History – New course                       |
| 12-1169 | Program name change: MA in Interdisciplinary Studies                 |

All passed independently

**College of Science and Mathematics**

12-1166      ASCI 7344 Plant Hormonal Biology – New course

Passed

**College of Education**

12-1125      ECED 7201 Teaching Physical Education, Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood – Course change

12-1126      ECED 7303 Integrated Methods in Social Studies and the Arts – Course change

12-1127      ECED 7307 Teaching Math in Early Childhood Ed. – Course change

12-1128      ECED 7304 – ECED: Practicum/Internship – Course change

All tabled

**Report of Personnel Committee:**

**AFFILIATE**

Saeed Abubakari	Political Science	Master's
Peter Aiken	Information Science	Doctorate
James Bailey	Applied Science	Doctorate
Alicia Cotabish	Educational Leadership	Doctorate
Michael Degen	Educational Leadership	Doctorate
Jody Fields	Information Science	Doctorate
U.F.A. Karim	Applied Science	Doctorate
Ashrafa Khan	Applied Science	Doctorate
Leon Mourton	Accounting	Master's
Nazar Numan	Applied Science	Doctorate
Susan Perry	Teacher Education	Doctorate
Joshua Simpson	Accounting	Master's
Yinle Zhou	Information Science	Doctorate

All were approved

**FULL**

Michael DeAngelis	Earth Sciences	Doctorate
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Nancy Hamilton	CARE	Doctorate
Jeffrey Hamm	Accounting	Doctorate
Jennifer Holtz	CARE	Doctorate
Laura Ruhl	Earth Sciences	Doctorate

All were approved

Angela Hunter said that the committee will try in two weeks to get the faculty status proposal to the committee.

#### **Dean's Report:**

Provost search: Sandra Robertson at dean's council stated that there were four candidates that they have had Skype conversations with. All four will be asked to visit once the VCEM search is over. That search may finish as early as Friday of next week. The names will then be made public. The search over the summer came up with 11 applicants and the committee has it down to these four.

David McAlpine asked if Patrick Pellicane knew who vetted the pool. Patrick did not know at this time.

#### **Associate Dean's Report:**

Johanna Lewis explained that the enrollment numbers are down but she asked Sheena Brooks, enrollment management coordinator, to talk about the fact that the applications are up and the acceptance are up. Since the applications/acceptances are up, we need to look at why the attendance numbers are down. A lot of the students we just did not close the deal. We do contact them but we did not get everyone to attend.

Recruitment rounds start next week with the Mississippi Swing. Coordinators report will start back soon.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Graduate Fair. If you would like a table, let Sheena know by the 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be two sessions in the DSC A, B, and C. There will be one session at 11-1 with the second one at 4-6. This is done to try to get students to come to our graduate school. You can call or email if you need anything.

Johanna Lewis commented on the GA process and that we have almost everyone processed. The Doctoral GA insurance procedure should be in place now and students have received their reimbursements. Tara DeJohn asked why some GAs did not get paid. Johanna Lewis that there is a new system and we have checks that we can do now, but the main reason is that EPAFs were not completed in certain departments on time.

Johanna Lewis suggested that everyone go see the VCEM candidate.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:57**