

University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Graduate Council Minutes
September 26, 2012

Members Present: David McAlpine, Angela Hunter, Roger Dorsey, Sung-kwan Kim, Amanda Nolen, Maureen James, Tara DeJohn, Marc Seigar, Brian Berry, Yupo Chan, Lirong Zeng, Karen Kuralt, David Dearman, Stacy Moak, Ziting Xu, and Jason Boullie

Members Absent: Chyrle Cantrell, Radu Babiceanu, Betty Wood, Kenji Yoshigoe, and Lillie Wichinsky

Others Present: Sharon Richardson, Dana Steele, and Larry Beachler

Meeting called to order at 3:02 by Amanda Nolen

September 12, 2012 minutes approved as corrected.

Announcements:

- 1) Reminder Dr. Don Bobbitt will be on campus Friday, September 28th at 1:00 pm in the EIT Auditorium to Discuss Higher Education Landscape.
- 2) There is now a dress code at UALR as of September 1st for Faculty/Staff. (Policy 223.1 Dress Standards – General was read to council.)

Old Business:

Report of the Curriculum Committee:

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| 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 Approved

New Business:

Report of Curriculum Committee:

College of Science and Mathematics

12-6002 Title Change:

- BS in Health Sciences to BS in Health, Human Performance, and Sports Management
- MS in Health Sciences to MS in Health, Human Performance, and Sports Management

All Approved

College of Education

- 12-6006 EDAS – New Program – Certificate for Curriculum Licensure
- 12-6005 EDAS – New Program – Certificate for Superintendency Licensure
- 12-6004 EDAS – New Program – Certificate for Building-level Licensure

Sharon Richardson attended the council and was able to explain that this is to move the embedded licensure to a certificate. This will allow the department to get credit and not have to count students in their non-completion rates. This will also help them keep competitive.

All Approved

Report of Personnel Committee:

Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status

Barbara Hunt	Educational Leadership - EDAS	Doctorate
Marian Lacey	Educational Leadership - EDAS	Doctorate
Sharonda Lipscomb	Educational Leadership - EDAS	Master's

All Approved

Full Graduate Faculty Status

Emily Bertholet	Criminal Justice	Doctorate
Timothy Brown	Criminal Justice	Doctorate
Karen Leonard	Management	Doctorate
James Tramel	Const Mgt & Civil/Const Engr	Master's (Terminal)

Question was asked on how to determine if the degree was a Terminal Degree when it was awarded. Suggestion was made to contact Higher Education and see if a list can be provided.

All Approved

Update on Graduate Faculty Status Policy

Angela Hunter reported on a rough draft of the policy. A preamble was added but otherwise it is the same one used when faculty was first approached. The Sub Committee needs feedback from people who do not know the process...from fresh eyes on graduate council. Target date (goal)- hope by end of October to Senate.

Talk opened up and suggestions on wording such as PhD may need to be Doctoral to cover all typed of Doctoral degrees that are available. A question was asked about the Full time status requirement of tenure track. A review on an amendment to the document that would include Instructors teaching for UALR that are not in the tenure line but have terminal degrees may be considered for full status.

Angela Hunter welcomed input by Wednesday of next week.

Amanda Nolen thanked the sub-committee on their hard work over the last three years.

Dean's Report: None

Associate Dean's Report: None

Graduate Appeals Policy

Amanda Nolen presented the council with the Grade Appeal Policy that is a current UALR policy. This policy and many others were passed in the 90's before a significant graduate school or online presence.

The Grade Appeals Policy was passed in '94. Amanda Nolen asked the council to read it over the next two weeks and think about where graduate students/online students may not get due process. In addition to Graduate Council reviewing the policy, the Undergraduate Council will need to review it also.

There is an issue that has come up with appeals from Spring being issued in the Summer sessions when faculty are not on contract. Amanda Nolen will need to check with UALR's legal counsel and with Christy Drale. Questions to ask are 1) if there can be a proxy for an instructor if they are not on contract at the time of the appeal and 2) can Skype be used by faculty in such a case. David Dearman asked if these cases could be considered an extension of the spring contract until the issue is resolved. It was also stated that the committee composition for the appeal should be looked at.

Amanda Nolen said that later the council will look at the Academic Integrity and Grievance Policy.

Meeting Adjourn: 3:54