

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK
Graduate Council Minutes
September 28, 2011

Members Present: David McAlpine, Angela Hunter, Karen Kuralt, Amanda Nolen, Chyrle Cantrell, Yupo Chan, Kenji Yoshigoe, Liz Pierce, Julien Mirivel, Stacy Moak, Lillie Wichinsky, Alesa Liles, Kyle Ferguson, Michael Bauer

Members Not Present: Roger Dorsey, David Dearman, Sung-Kwan Kim, Betty Wood, Lirong Zeng, Marc Seigar, Dan Sweeney, Maureen James

Others Present: Paladino, Beachler, Lewis, Pellicane

Dr. Nolen called the meeting to order at: 3:04 p.m.

Minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting approved.

Report of Curriculum Committee:

Donaghey College of Engineering & Information Technology

11-6003 Program Change: MS in Computer Science (CPSM)

Motion to Approve: Hunter Motion Passed.

11-6004 Course Change: CPSC 8100-8600 Thesis

Motion to Approve: Chan Motion Passed.

College of Arts, Humanities, and the Social Sciences

11-6001 HIST 5356 History of Race and Ethnicity in the US

11-6002 HIST 5358 Civil Rights Movement Since 1964

Motion to Approve: Moak Motion Passed.

College of Education

11-6006 ECED 7202 Field Experience in Early Childhood

Tabled By Committee.

Report of Personnel Committee:

Affiliate:

Gregory Lanier,	Doctorate	Director of University Honors Program,	University of West Florida
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Ahmed Kishk	Doctorate	Professor of Electrical Engineering	University of Mississippi
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Eric Sandgren	Doctorate	Dean of EIT	UALR
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Motion to Approve: Kuralt Motion Passed.

Graduate Faculty Status Revision – Update

Hunter reported that the survey being used for the Faculty Status revisions will be given to only Chairs and Graduate Coordinators. The survey of 10 questions should be finalized by the next Graduate Council meeting.

Nolen inquired why this specific population had been chosen. Hunter informed the council that the information that is needed for the immediate proposal consists of specific data that Chairs and Graduate Coordinators will have.

Moak explained that if faculty members feel that they do not have much to add then this may affect the response rate.

Dean’s Report:

Pellicane discussed the details of Common Course Numbering that is being proposed by legislators and the ADHE.

Associate Dean’s Report:

Lewis notified the council that Graduate School hired Sheena Brooks as the new Enrollment Management Coordinator. Brooks will supervise the admissions area and be responsible for recruitment and retention.

Old Business:

Graduate school policy – Continuous Enrollment	Update/Discussion
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Nolen provided the council with a review of the draft policy and the Council’s position when this policy was discussed last April. She expressed her concern because no formal mechanism has been put in place to enforce this policy.

Pellicane informed the committee that this policy could not be implemented until the fees are approved by the Board of Trustees.

Lewis suggested that perhaps students had heard of the continuous enrollment policy in regards to financial aid.

Pellicane suggested that the issue be tabled until authorization was given to assess the fees.

Continuous Enrollment was tabled.

New Business:

Graduate education at UALR – Role, Recruitment, & Retention Discussion

(For context please refer to Dave McAlpine's notes and comments on the Chancellor's Leadership Retreat as well as the latest report from the Council of Graduate Schools. The full report found here: http://www.cgsnet.org/portals/0/pdf/R_ED2010.pdf)

Nolen opened discussion with university data showing a decline in first year/part time graduate student enrollment. Nolen suggested that the council look at specific areas in which enrollment had declined the most.

Pellicane informed the council that this data may not be accurate since the final numbers for fall enrollment have not been reported.

Lewis reported that the decline in non-declared Graduate students was a positive because it means that more students are selecting degree programs.

Once the final numbers are reported, if the council agrees, Nolen will extend an invitation to the interim provost to attend a future meeting to discuss graduate recruitment and retention

McAlpine asked the Graduate Deans whether any advertising that could be done. Lewis stated that no university money was being used to advertise for Graduate School and the GS did not have an advertising budget.

Pellicane recommended that this issue be tabled until the official numbers are released to ADHE.

Other Business:

Combined (UCA/UAMS/UALR) Graduate Council Representation

No action taken in meeting.

Via email, Chan, Seigar, and Nolen are confirmed reps for the combined (UCA/UAMS/UALR) Graduate Council.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.