

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, September 17, 2015
Wingo 315 1:40 p.m.

The Graduate Council met on September 17, 2015. The following members participated: Stephanie Bellar, Alexander Chen, Janet Filer, John Gale, Art Gillaspay, Brent Hill, Terry James, R. B. Lenin, Wendy Lucas, Rhonda McClellan, Mark McMurtrey, Arijit Mukherjee, Michael Rosenow, Michael Schaefer, Joan Simon, Mark Spitzer, and Stephanie Watson. Letha Mosley was absent.

The meeting was opened by welcoming new and former members of council and introductions. Dr. McClellan opined having committee and council items on a google drive was helpful in preparing for the meeting and others concurred. By utilizing our shared technology members of council will be able to participate in discussions and make suggestions. Other items of general discussion included the Graduate School has a master list of students who have volunteered to serve on university committees. This list will be posted in google drive space for review by the council. If there are students who want to be involved, please have them contact the Graduate School.

Action Items:

1. Approval of Graduate Council Minutes of May 26, 2015.
2. Dr. Wendy Lucas was elected secretary for the Graduate Council for 2015-2016.
3. Dr. Stephanie Bellar requested nominations for a student representative to the Graduate Council. Two students, Thomas Deatherage and Michael Blanchett, were nominated. If both students confirm their acceptance of the nomination, the selection will be made by electronic vote.
4. The following were appointed to the UAMS/UALR/UCA Joint Graduate Council: Janet Filer, Art Gillaspay and Mark McMurtrey.
5. The following were appointed to the McLaughlin Scholarship Review Committee: John Gale, Brent Hill and Michael Rosenow.
6. The following were appointed to the Graduate Council Policy Subcommittee: Rhonda McClellan Joan Simon and Stephanie Watson.
7. Subcommittee I, Michael Schaefer, Chair, recommended approval of a new course HIST 5359 History of the Civil Rights Movement.
Vote to approve was unanimous.
8. Subcommittee II, R. B. Lenin Chair, recommended approval of the following new courses:
 - a. PTHY 6105 Research I
 - b. PTHY 6205 Research II
 - c. PTHY 7105 Research III
 - d. PTHY 7114 Research Practicum*Vote to approve was unanimous.*

Information Items:

1. Deletion of the following courses:
 - a. PTHY 6104 Physical Therapy Research I
 - b. PTHY 6204 Physical Therapy Research II
 - c. PTHY 7104 Physical Therapy Research III
 - d. PTHY 7204 Physical Therapy Research IV
2. WRTG 6390 change in course description
3. Graduate Faculty Appointments
 - a. Ms. Brandye Bisek, NURS, initial associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - b. Ms. Myra Grantham, NURS, initial associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - c. Dr. Valeria Hart, NURS, initial full Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - d. Dr. Paul Jensen, ACCT, continued full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - e. Dr. Mary Ruth Marotte, ENGL, continuing full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - f. Dr. Duncan McKinnon, ANTH, initial associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - g. Dr. Stephen O'Connell, GEOG, continuing full Graduate Faculty (8 years)
 - h. Ms. Sarah Thornton, NURS, continuing associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)
 - i. Ms. Amy Whitehead, CED, continuing associate Graduate Faculty (3 years)

Announcements:

1. The next regular meeting of the Graduate Council will be October 15, 2015 in Wingo 316. *An informal meeting will be held October 1, 2015 and the first Thursday of each month in Torreyson library, room 202.* The purpose of these meetings is give council members and program coordinators opportunity to discuss policy. Some of the items to be considered might include:
 - a. Revisions in theses/dissertation processes
 - b. Change in transfer hours allowed
 - c. How to enhance the visibility of graduate students on campus
 - d. Graduate faculty status
2. Dr. Bellar reminded members of council that everyone who teaches a graduate level course should hold graduate faculty status (this is a HLC standard). The current, official list is at this url: <http://uca.edu/graduateschool/graduate-faculty/> and is updated each month as people are approved. The Graduate School requests your help in monitoring our compliance.