

Report from the Graduate Council

September 28, 2018

submitted by Karen M. Kuralt

Approved Curriculum Items

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| 18-6000 | New course | ANTH 4301/5301 Anthropology of Death | approved 9/26 |
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Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

Nominees for Full Status

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| Joseph Colvin | Doctorate | UA Little Rock | CSSC | approved 9/26 |
| Laura Danforth | Doctorate | UA Little Rock | CEHP | approved 9/12 |
| Christopher Etheridge | Specialist | UA Little Rock | CSSC | approved 9/26 |
| Bailey Oliver | Doctorate | UA Little Rock | CSSC | approved 9/12 |
| Michael Pelts | Doctorate | UA Little Rock | CEHP | approved 9/12 |
| Wenjun Wang | Doctorate | UA Little Rock | COB | approved 9/26 |
| Yue Zhao | Doctorate | UA Little Rock | COB | approved 9/26 |

Nominees for Affiliate Status

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| Danielle Butler | Master's | OBU | CALS | approved 9/12 |
| Marta Cieslak | Doctorate | UA Little Rock | CALS | approved 9/26 |
| Heather Hudson | Doctorate | UCA | CSSC | approved 9/12 |
| Melissa Johnston | Master's | UA Little Rock | CSSC | approved 9/12 |
| Jeffrey Kyong-McClain | Doctorate | U of Idaho | CSSC | approved 9/12 |
| Jin Liang | Doctorate | Shanghai Jiao Tong Univ. | CALS | approved 9/12 |
| Ashley McNatt | Doctorate | UAMS | CSSC | approved 9/12 |
| Anthony Narkawicz | Doctorate | NASA | CALS | approved 9/12 |
| Pierre Neuenschweander | Doctorate | UTHSCT | EIT | approved 9/26 |
| Leihong Wu | Doctorate | NCTR | EIT | approved 9/26 |
| Hong Zhou | Doctorate | U of St. Joseph | EIT | approved 9/26 |

Approved Policy Changes

None

Other Issues Discussed

At the 9/12 meeting, the council approved a wording change suggested by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee clarifying procedures for closing graduate programs that are deemed nonviable because of low productivity or as the result of a program review. Such closures should be submitted for review and comment through the already existing curriculum procedures. (For exact wording, see the Faculty Senate agenda for 9/28/18.) The council voted unanimously to approve the wording change and to submit this change as a formal motion to the senate.

Graduate enrollment has decreased by 98 students compared to this time last year.

The Grad School is preparing to host a recruitment event at Jack Stephens on October 4. The council is also interested in strengthening recruiting for online students, international students, and military students.

The council will continue to work this year to formalize and clarify policies related to graduate student applications for clemency, dismissals, appeal of dismissals, and probationary status.