Report from the Graduate Council

October 26, 2018

submitted by Karen M. Kuralt

Approved Curriculum Items

18-1052	New course	HIST 5346	approved 10/24
18-1053	New course	HIST 5347	approved 10/24
18-6009	Program title change	BINS	approved 10/10
18-6010	Course suspension	ACCT 7301	approved 10/10
18-6011	Course suspension	MGMT 7301	approved 10/10
18-6012	Course suspension	MGMT 7371	approved 10/10
18-6013	Course suspension	MGMT 7380	approved 10/10
18-6014	Course suspension	ACCT 7400	approved 10/10
18-6015	Course suspension	ACCT 8308	approved 10/10

Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

Nominees for Full Status

David Baylis	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CALS	approved 10/10
Stephen Kapp	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CEHP	approved 10/24
Lindsay Rae Ruhr	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CEHP	approved 10/24
Soheil Saedi	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	EIT	approved 10/24
Richard Wang	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	EIT	approved 10/24

Approved Policy Changes

None

Other Issues Discussed

At the 10/10 meeting, the council approved adding new wording to the Faculty Senate legislation regarding program closures mentioned in our previous report. The council voted unanimously to add language indicating that as a program closure program change form moves through each level of curriculum review, the reviewers will attach comments that travel with the form through the entire process.

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Other Issues Discussed, continued

At the 10/26 meeting, the council reviewed the graduate-level academic clemency policy that was passed by the Faculty Senate on 5/5/2017. The following changes were suggested:

- The amount of time a student must sit out before being allowed to apply for clemency should be reduced from 2 years to 1 year.
- Students should be allowed to request clemency for a sufficient number of semesters to restore their GPA to a 3.0 so they will once again be in good standing. In the original policy, we limited the number of semesters to two.
- Upon receiving clemency, students are required to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better in their first nine
 graded hours after being readmitted. If their GPA falls below 3.0 within the first nine graded hours, they
 will be dismissed. If they succeed in maintaining a 3.0 GPA beyond their first nine graded hours, normal
 probation procedures will apply.

The council generally approved of these suggestions. Dr. Brian Berry will draft language to make these changes to the policy and then bring the new wording to the full council for review and a vote.