

Report from the Graduate Council

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Approved Curriculum Items

18-6019	Prerequisite change	FINC 5373	approved 11/7
18-6050	Requirement change	PharmD-MBA program	approved 11/7
18-6052	Transfer credit policy	MBA-MSPS program	approved 11/7
18-6053	Requirement change	MGMT 7371	approved 11/7

Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

Nominees for Full Status

Alan Boss	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	COB	approved 11/7
Jan Springer	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	EIT	approved 11/7

Nominees for Affiliate Status

Calee Henderson	Master's	UAMS	CALS	approved 11/7
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Approved Policy Changes

None

Other Issues Discussed

At the 11/7 meeting, the council tabled a Program Change Form from the PharmD-MBA program that proposed an admissions change allowing UAMS students who have been accepted for early entry into the PharmD program to also be accepted for early entry into the joint PharmD-MBA program. The change was tabled because UA Little Rock's current early entry policy states that only "exceptional UA Little Rock undergraduates" can be accepted into early entry programs. The council sees a benefit to being able to recruit students from other institutions into early entry graduate programs, but members noted that there are many logistical challenges to doing so. We intend to bring a motion to Faculty Senate amending the policy to also allow exceptional UAMS students to apply to early entry programs, since UAMS has already agreed to accept UA Little Rock credit in the case of the PharmD-MBA program. We are open to creating these partnerships with other UA system schools, but we also believe this policy should be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

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Other Issues Discussed, continued

UA Little Rock Director of Military Student Success Kathy Oliverio gave a presentation about strategies for recruiting graduate students from Little Rock AFB. The council will begin developing and implementing a recruiting plan for the Air Force base in early 2019.