

Report from the Graduate Council

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Approved Curriculum Items

19-1002	New course	SPED 4320/5320	approved 3/13
19-1003	New course	SPED 4323/5323	approved 3/13
19-1003	New course	SPED 4344/5344	approved 3/13
18-6111	Early entry program	BINS	approved 3/13
19-1031	Program change	CNSL program	approved 3/13

Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

Nominees for Full Status

Albert L. Baker	Doctorate	OSU	EIT	approved 2/27
Rhet Smith	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	COB	approved 3/13
Daryl Tate	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CEHP	approved 3/27

Nominees for Affiliate Status

Martha T. Kopper	Master's	NWMSU	EIT	approved 2/27
Timothy Holthoff	Juris Doctor	Arkansas Supreme Court	EIT	approved 3/13
Jennifer Davis	Juris Doctor	AR Dept. of Info Systems	EIT	approved 3/13
Venkat Kodali	Master's	CARTI	EIT	approved 3/13
Stephanie Byrum	Doctorate	UAMS	EIT	approved 3/27

Approved Policy Changes

None

Other Issues Discussed

1. The Council revised its application form for Graduate Faculty Status to indicate that generally speaking, applicants who are nominated to serve on thesis, dissertation, and project committees should hold an academic degree at least at the same level as the degree being awarded by the committee. In recognition that there are some extraordinarily qualified applicants who may have a lower academic degree (or none), the Council added an option to the form to petition for an exception.

Other Issues Discussed, continued

2. Discussion continued on policies 509.11 and 509.12 (Graduation Requirements and Leave of Absence). We expect to submit revisions to the Faculty Senate before the end of the semester.
3. Dr. Daryl Rice visited the meeting on 3/13/19 to request feedback on his document describing the advising of post-bac students.
4. Representatives from the Graduate Student Association announced that the graduate honors society Alpha Epsilon Lambda is becoming active once again and has sent out letters of invitation to the top 35% of graduate students as determined by GPA.