

Report from the Graduate Council

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Approved Curriculum Items

19-1027	New course	ACOM 4326/5326	approved 4/10
19-1037	Course change	HHPS 4382/5382	approved 4/24
19-1043	Program change	MS in Mathematical Sciences	approved 4/24
19-1047	Program inactivation	MS in Applied Psychology	approved 4/24

Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

Nominees for Affiliate Status

Lydia L. McDonald	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CEHP	approved 4/10
Terrell Strayhorn	Doctorate	LeMoyne-Owen College	CEHP	approved 4/10
Peter Naege	Doctorate	Oberlin College	CEHP	approved 4/24

Approved Policy Changes

The Council approved revisions to two policies: 509.11 Graduation Requirements and 509.12 Leave of Absence.

The revisions clarify how program coordinators should work with students who need to take time off from their graduate programs, and who may as a result exceed the time limit specified in the Graduate Catalog to complete their degree plan (7 years for a master's student, or 10 years for a doctoral student).

The previous version of 509.11 established these time limits, but the policy did not offer any specifics about what would happen if a student exceeded them. As a result, approaches to handling students with lapses in enrollment have varied greatly across programs. The revised versions of 509.11 and 509.12 work together to define how students may apply to take a leave of absence that doesn't count against their graduation time limit, as well as what measures students and coordinators must take if students have larger lapses in enrollment.

These revisions are scheduled to be discussed at the August 2019 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Other Issues Discussed

None