

Report from the Graduate Council

October 24, 2019

submitted by Karen M. Kuralt

Approved Curriculum Items

19-6002	New course	MCOM 5377 (PR Ethics)	approved 10/9
19-6007	New course	MCOM 5370 (Hip Hop Music & Culture)	approved 10/9
19-6008	New program	MCOM Early-entry MA	approved 10/9
19-6009	New course	MCOM 5372 (Sports Journalism)	approved 10/9
19-6010	New course	MCOM 5378 (Government PR)	approved 10/9
19-6056	Suspend course	CPSC 5377 (Advanced Game Programming)	approved 10/23
19-6057	Suspend course	CPSC 5384 (Computer Networks)	approved 10/23
19-6058	Suspend course	CPSC 5367 (Mobile App Development)	approved 10/23
19-6059	Course change	BINF 5445 (Bioinformation Theory and App)	approved 10/23
19-6063	Course change	SYEN 5315 (Advanced Dynamics)	approved 10/23
19-6064	Prereq change	SYEN 5326 (Measurement Technique)	approved 10/23
19-6065	Title/descr. change	SYEN 5327 (Acoustics I)	approved 10/23
19-6066	Title/descr. change	SYEN 5371 (Intro Cont. Mechanics)	approved 10/23

Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

Nominees for Full Status

Joseph Otundo	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CEHP	approved 10/9
Abbas Qamar	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CEHP	approved 10/9
Janea Snyder	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CEHP	approved 10/9
William Kerns	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CEHP	approved 10/23

Nominees for Affiliate Status

John A. Barbuto	Post-Graduate	UA Little Rock	CEHP	approved 10/9
John R. Duke	Doctorate	Harding University	CALS	approved 10/9
Jody A. Fields	Master's	UA Little Rock	CEIT	approved 10/9
Celeste Bates	Doctorate	Clemson	CEHP	approved 10/23

Nominees for Affiliate Status, continued

Allison Briceño	Doctorate	San Jose State	CEHP	approved 10/23
Sue Duncan	Doctorate	Georgia State	CEHP	approved 10/23
Rosalie Forbes	Doctorate	Northern Iowa	CEHP	approved 10/23
Adria Klein	Doctorate	St. Mary's of California	CEHP	approved 10/23
Mary Moskal	Doctorate	St. Mary's of California	CEHP	approved 10/23
Louis Nadelson	Doctorate	UCA	CEHP	approved 10/23
Debra Rich	Doctorate	St. Mary's of California	CEHP	approved 10/23
Lee Smith	Doctorate	Horatio Public Schools	CEHP	approved 10/23
Lori Taylor	Doctorate	University of Maine	CEHP	approved 10/23

Approved Policy Changes

None

Other Issues Discussed

Dr. Berry and Dr. Kuralt are working on revisions of the degree timeline and leave of absence policies after feedback from the Faculty Senate executive committee.

The Grad School's Grad Explore event on Oct. 3 at Jack Stephens was a success, resulting in higher attendance and more completed applications than last year. Students who completed applications also helped the Grad School locate some issues with the new application in CRM Recruit, which are now being addressed by IT Services. Additional usability testing and coordinator training may be offered to help students navigate the CRM application system.

The Grad School continues to conduct targeted recruiting campaigns for students in Texas and Arkansas (via CRM Recruit) and international students (via Keystone). Coordinators are urged to respond to requests for information that are forwarded from the Grad School.

Representatives from Records and Registration reported on their progress implementing last spring's new grad-level policy allowing students to retake courses and replace past grades (as undergrads have long been allowed to do) and answered questions about grading scenarios from the council members.