

Report from the Graduate Council

January 31, 2020

submitted by Karen M. Kuralt

Approved Curriculum Items

19-6105	Program changes (program electives)	MS in Systems Engineering	approved 1/29
19-6106	Program changes (thesis advisors)	MS in Systems Engineering	approved 1/29

Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

Nominees for Full Status

Mark T. Baillie	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CALS	approved 1/29
Joyce L. Carter	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CSSC	approved 1/29

Nominees for Affiliate Status

Jodi Barnes	Doctorate	U of A System	CSSC	approved 1/29
Andrew Beaupre	Doctorate	U of A System	CSSC	approved 1/29
Melvin Beavers	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CSSC	approved 1/29
Karen Endel	Doctorate	Retired	CEHP	approved 1/29
Marnin J. Heisel	Doctorate	U. of Western Ontario	CEHP	approved 1/29
Derek Iwamoto	Doctorate	U. of Maryland	CEHP	approved 1/29
Alexander Jaeger	Master's	UA Little Rock	CEIT	approved 1/29
Stuart Scheiderer	Master's	Anderson ENGR Consultants	CEIT	approved 1/29

Approved Policy Changes

None

Other Issues Discussed

Dr. Karen Kuralt has been appointed as Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Consequently, she is stepping down as chair of Grad Council. Dr. Laura Ruhl was elected as the new chair of Grad Council.

Dr. Trisha Rhodes was elected as the new chair of the council's curriculum subcommittee, succeeding Dr. Ruhl in that role. Dr. Heidi Harris joins the council as the new rep from CSSC, replacing Dr. Kuralt.

Other Issues Discussed

Dean Brian Berry reported that graduate enrollment is down 16% from this time last year, 5% of which is attributable to the Audiology/Speech Pathology graduate programs moving to UAMS. The number of total applications has also decreased significantly, although the percentage of applications accepted has increased. The Grad School is working on a variety of recruiting strategies to bring up the number of applications, including social media and email campaigns. The Grad School has been approved to use application fee waivers as a recruiting strategy.

The Research and Creative Works Expo is scheduled for Friday, April 17 from 11 – 2 pm. Coordinators are asked to encourage their students to participate; the application form will be available soon. Program faculty are encouraged to volunteer as judges. Email Dr. Laura Ruhl to volunteer.