

Report from the Graduate Council

Oct 28, 2021

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Approved Curriculum Items

20-11031	Program Change (Program Requirements)	BSME-MSME early entry	approved 10/06
20-6015	Program Change (New Program- Comp Sci)	Nat'l Cyber Teaching Academy	approved 10/06
20-6017	Curriculum Change (New Course)	CSEC 7310	approved 10/06
20-6016	Curriculum Change (Alpha Code Changes)	CSEC 7301	approved 10/06
20-6018	Curriculum Change (New Course)	CSEC 7320	approved 10/06
20-6019	Curriculum Change (New Course)	CSEC 7395	approved 10/06
20-6026	Curriculum Change (New Course)	PADM 7347	approved 10/20
20-6027	Curriculum Change (New Course)	PADM 7375	approved 10/20
20-6029	Program Change (Requirements Change)	MA in Applied Communication	approved 10/20
20-6030	Program Change (Online Program Addition)	GC in Bus. & Prof. Writing	approved 10/20

Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

Nominees for Full Status

Kensuke Yamada	MFA	UA Little Rock	CHASSE	approved 10/06
Emily Hood	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CHASSE	approved 10/06

Nominees for Affiliate Status

Krista Schoening	MFA	UA Little Rock	CHASSE	approved 10/06
William C. Thomson	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CPHR	approved 10/20
Deepak Sagaram	Masters	IHH Healthcare Berhad	DCSTEM	approved 10/20

Approved Policy Changes

Graduate Student Probation

Policy (approved 10/6/21 by grad council)

Any graduate student whose cumulative GPA on all courses taken for graduate credit falls below 3.0 at the end of a semester will be placed on probation. Students will be removed from probation when their cumulative GPA is a 3.0 or above. Failure to make at least a 3.0 in each semester while on probation or receiving two or more C grades (or lower) during the probation period will result in the student being dismissed from the Graduate School. During their first semester on probation, students must meet with a Graduate School advisor in addition to their program advisor to develop a plan to regain good academic standing.

Other Issues Discussed

October 6, 2021:

Dr. Brian Berry informed the council that he has become aware of a lack of appeals process with graduate students and their advisors (i.e. removal from a lab group, what rights do students have?). He would like to look at the current appeal legislation and determine if this addresses graduate student issues and needs. If not, Dr. Berry would recommend the graduate council to consider this issue.

Dr. Karen Kuralt reported that the Graduate School will hold an all graduate coordinators meeting during the second week of November (Wednesday Nov 10th at 3pm). Please send any issues to discuss to Dr. Kuralt.

October 20, 2021:

The graduate council discussed possible policy changes to the Graduate School's Graduate Admission Policy (509.3) and the Graduate School International Student Admission Policy (509.9). The council discussed modifying the language of the policies related to transcripts to require transcripts only from their accredited degree granting University for the student's last 60 credit hours. We will continue to discuss and consider these policy modifications at the next meeting.

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End of Report.