

# Report from the Graduate Council

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## Approved Curriculum Items

*No Curriculum Items*

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## Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

### **Nominees for Full Status**

Chelsea Bradley	Doctorate	Asst. Prof. UA Little Rock	CHASSE	approved 2/23
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### **Nominees for Affiliate Status**

Tanner Sullivan	Master's	Instructor	CHASSE	approved 2/23
Carlton Rhodes	Master's	Associate Professor	CHASSE	approved 2/23
Masood Tariq	Doctorate	VP of Tech Ops.	DCSTEM	approved 2/23
Maria Martinez	Master's	Director of Student Support	CHASSE	approved 2/23
Mark LaRoque	Master's	Chief Revenue Officer	DCSTEM	approved 2/23
Lisa Ehrlinger	Doctorate	Senior Researcher	DCSTEM	approved 2/23
Annap Derebail	Doctorate	Engineer	DCSTEM	approved 2/23
Sara Ansari	Doctorate	Engineer	DCSTEM	approved 2/23

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## Approved Policy Changes

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## Other Issues Discussed

February 9, 2022:

Dr. Erin Finzer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented a proposal to renumber courses at all U of A System campuses to create a common course catalog for all U of A schools.

- All UA Little Rock courses will be renumbered (among other changes, credit hours will become the third digit in all course numbers rather than the second).
- Some UA Little Rock alpha code prefixes will change.
- The new common catalog is expected to be implemented in time for Spring 2024 advising for Fall 2024 registration.
- These changes will help students better understand what will transfer from one institution to another.
- Faculty are invited to send feedback on the proposed changes directly to Dr. Finzer (esfinzer@ualr.edu), UA Little Rock's representative on the U of A System committee.

**Other Issues Discussed-continued:**

Dr. Kuralt reported that the Graduate School and the Office of Communications have collaborated to create a new guidebook for use in graduate student recruiting. The new guidebook includes information on the following topics:

List of UA Little Rock graduate program areas  
Student profiles  
Payment options and fees  
Online-only graduate programs  
Graduate assistantships  
International students  
Non degree seeking applicants  
Undergrad vs graduate students  
Student events  
Student support  
Housing  
Meal plans

The Grad School will distribute the new guidebook at these upcoming recruiting events:

- In person event at UAPB on March 3
- Zoom event with Philander Smith Honors College on March 8

Coordinators who would like a PDF copy of the book, some print copies, or both should contact Dr. Kuralt (kmkuralt@ualr.edu).

Dr. Kuralt also reported on a pilot program to create a virtual fair and recruiting drive for three CHPR programs. If this program is successful, other graduate programs will be able to participate over time.

**February 23, 2022:**

Dr. Berry reported that the University is on boarding a new application system called Slate. This program will be much improved relative to previous systems. They will begin working with programs over the summer to test it out, and Undergrad admissions will begin using it for Fall 2023 applications. Dr. Berry also reported that the University is working hard to roll-out Workday Student. They will build the first prototype this year, and are scheduled to go live in Fall 2024.

Dr. Berry also reported that Graduate application numbers are up currently due to many additional international applications. The Grad School expects similar enrollment numbers to this Spring. He also noted that the Grad School was up in SSCHs this semester (students taking more hours).

Dr. Kuralt reported on the University's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy that ensures students receiving federal financial aid are making timely progress to complete their intended program of study, as well as the appeals process. Dr. Kuralt informed the committee of the requirements of this policy pertaining to the (1) pace of progression, (2) maximum time frame, and (3) GPA. If students receive

federal financial aid and do not meet these requirements they will receive an email from the financial aid office, and they need to be timely in their response. Dr. Kuralt noted that there is an appeals process for students that is supportive, but does require documentation. If anyone has any questions about this process, they are encouraged to contact Dr. Kuralt (kmkuralt@ualr.edu).

Upcoming Discussion topics for the Graduate Council:

- Academic Honors Policy as it pertains to the Graduate School
- Transcript Policy for International Students

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End of Report.