# Report from the Graduate Council

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# **Approved Curriculum Items**

22-1007 Curriculum Change READ 7387 approved 3/9

(Title Change)

22-1006 Program Change Dyslexia Therapist GC approved 3/9

(Program Title Change)

# **Approved for Graduate Faculty Status**

# Nominees for Full Status

No nominees for Full

# Nominees for Affiliate Status

Reed Claiborne Master's UALR Disability Resource Center DCSTEM approved 3/9

# **Approved Policy Changes**

• Moving the International Graduate Student Transcript Policy Changes from Grad Council Nov 2021 meeting to Faculty Senate for consideration.

#### Other Issues Discussed

### UA Little Rock Honors Policy (501.7):

The Graduate Council discussed the UA Little Rock Honors Policy (501.7) in regards to Graduate students and graduation honors. The members inventoried other universities for graduate honors as well as considered honors from societies or disciplines. The council feels that there does not need to be university level graduation honors for graduate students. A graduate degree itself is an honor to complete, and the council believes that discipline specific honors (departments, college, societies) and publications are better suited for graduate honors.

Dr. Berry reported that there are issues with the academic clemency policy and would like to refer these issues to the Graduate Council for review. The Policy and personnel sub-committee will be considering this policy and appropriate changes.

Dr. Berry also reported that he will give a report on enrollment at the next graduate council meeting. Dr. Berry also reported that the University is moving to a new application system called Slate. They are working hard to implement it and plan to begin taking applications with the new program in the Fall of 2022 for Spring 2023.

#### Other Issues Discussed-continued:

The Student Research & Creative Works Expo is April 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. It is a graduate and undergraduate showcase. It will be held outside by the fountain with a more festive atmosphere this year (less clinical).

The topic of maximum IUs for faculty that have more than 3 graduate students was brought to graduate council. There are faculty that have many graduate students (ex. 7 PhD students) but only receive 3 IUs and feel like their true workload is not being represented and compensated. The graduate council voted to recommend this topic to faculty senate to look into the IUs for graduate students and effort issue.

End of Report.