

Report from the Graduate Council

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Report from Graduate Council from 3/30/22 to 4/27/22:

Approved Curriculum Items

22-1009	Applied Communication (Program Changes)	Conflict Mediation GC	approved 3/30
22-1010	Clinton School (Program Changes)	Master of Public Service	approved 3/30
22-1011	Clinton School (Program Changes)	Master of Public Service	approved 3/30
22-1012	Clinton School (New Programs)	GC: Communication for Social Change GC: Program Planning and Evaluation	approved 3/30
22-1025	Master of Public Admin. (Reactive Course)	PADM 7332	approved 4/13
22-1028	Business Info Systems (Dual - List)	BINS 5331	approved 4/13
22-1030	Business Info Systems (New Course)	BINS 7312	approved 4/13
22-1087	Information Quality (New Course)	INFO 7374	approved 4/13
22-1088	Information Quality (Suspend Course)	INFO 7353	approved 4/13
22-1014	Technology Innovation (Suspend Course)	TINV 5301	approved 4/13
22-1069	Technology Innovation (Suspend Course)	TINV 5303	approved 4/13
22-1078	Bioinformatics (Program Change/LON -Add to Online Campus)	MS in Bioinformatics	approved 4/13
22-1047	Accounting (Add BUSX-GC code)	ACCT 7304	approved 4/27
22-1048	Business Info Systems (Add BUSX-GC code)	BINS 7309	approved 4/27
22-1049	Business Info Systems (Add BUSX-GC code)	BINS 7350	approved 4/27
22-1051	Economics (Add BUSX-GC code)	ECON 7200	approved 4/27
22-1055	Management (Add BUSX-GC code)	MGMT 7101	approved 4/27
22-1050	Business Info Systems (Course deletion)	BINS 8201	approved 4/27
22-1052	Finance (Course deletion)	FINC 8310	approved 4/27

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22-1059	Management (Course deletion)	MGMT 8107	approved 4/27
22-1060	Management (Course deletion)	MGMT 8108	approved 4/27
22-1061	Management (Course deletion)	MGMT 8270	approved 4/27
22-1062	Management (Course deletion)	MGMT 8310	approved 4/27
22-1063	Management (course deletion)	MGMT 8341	approved 4/27
22-1064	Management (Course deletion)	MGMT 8380	approved 4/27
22-1065	Marketing (Course deletion)	MKTG 8301	approved 4/27
22-1066	Marketing (Course deletion)	MKTG 8311	approved 4/27
22-1053	Management (Course deletion)	MGMT 5311	approved 4/27
22-1054	Management (Course deletion)	MGMT 5350	approved 4/27
22-1058	Management (Course deletion)	MGMT 7353	approved 4/27
22-1056	Management (Course deletion)	MGMT 7180	approved 4/27
22-1057	Management (Course deletion; Sp 2023)	MGMT 7280	approved 4/27
22-1071	Business Info Systems (Program change- change course reqs.)	GC Business Info Systems	approved 4/27
22-1067	Business Info Systems (Program change/LON-offer as online program)	Business GC	approved 4/27
22-1068	Business Info Systems (Program change/LON-offer as online program)	M.B.A.	approved 4/27
22-1072	Business Info Systems (Program change/LON-offer as online program)	MS Business Info Systems	approved 4/27
22-1073	Business Info Systems (Program change/LON-offer as online program)	GC Business Info Systems	approved 4/27
22-1079	Computer Sci (Course deletion)	CPSC 7145	approved 4/27
22-1080	Computer Sci (Course deletion)	CPSC 7313	approved 4/27
22-1081	Computer Sci (Course deletion)	CPSC 7314	approved 4/27

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22-1082	Computer Sci (Course deletion)	CPSC 7334	approved 4/27
22-1083	Computer Sci (Course deletion)	CPSC 7383	approved 4/27
22-1084	Mathematics & Statistics (Program change/LON-offer as online program)	GC Applied Statistics	approved 4/27

Approved for Graduate Faculty Status***Nominees for Full Status****No nominees for Full****Nominees for Affiliate Status***

Brian Larsen	Ph.D.	Art and Design	CHASSE	approved 3/30
Tammy Scaife	MA	Professional/Technical Writing	CHASSE	approved 4/13
Sarah Bennett	Doctorate	Univ of Akron	CHASSE	approved 4/27
Joy Esquierdo	Doctorate	UT-TRGV	CHASSE	approved 4/27
Huilang Zhang	Doctorate	UAMS	DCSTEM	approved 4/27

Approved Policy Changes

- *No policy changes during this time period.*
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Other Issues Discussed3/30/22:

The graduate clemency policy was referred to the Graduate Council Policy & Personnel Subcommittee for consideration of issues programs have had recently.

Dr. Berry reported on enrollment trends within the Graduate School based on Trojan Fact Explorer. Overall, enrollment has declined in the several years, but experienced a slight increase since Fall 2021. He also reported that SSCHs are up, which means the students enrolled are taking more hours. Online SSCHs are increasing, while main-campus are decreasing.

Dr. Berry also reported that the University budget decisions reflect this decline. We need to stabilize enrollment or find ways to increase it. He then reported on groupings of programs within colleges and trends in enrollment within these programs.

Other Issues Discussed-continued:3/30/22 continued:

Graduation this year will be in two ceremonies. The morning ceremony will be the CBHHS and DCSTEM undergraduate students, while the afternoon ceremony will be CHASSE and all graduate students. Please try and attend and support the students.

The Student Research & Creative Works Expo is April 8th 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).

4/13/22:

Dr. Berry reported about the Graduate Get Your Feet Wet scholarship, aimed at students on the fence about going to grad school because of a financial barrier. The scholarship pays for 1 course. There were 23 awards given out this year in the spring and fall semesters. The scholarship will be continued next year with a doubled budget. We will begin accepting Fall 2022 applications for this award in May.

Dr. Kuralt reported on the Student Success Office and the student retention initiative peer mentor positions now available for grad students as well as undergrads. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2022. Please email: studentsuccess@ualr.edu for more information.

Also discussed at this meeting was the need for a code of conduct for theses and dissertation students and their committees in case of substantial conflicts. The Graduate School is working on finishing a revision of the Graduate Student Handbook, which can include such a code of conduct. The Graduate School will work with the Graduate Council on this matter.

4/27/22:

Dr. Berry thanked the Graduate Council and the subcommittee chairs for their hard work this year. Additionally he thanked Karen Kuralt and Paula Baker-Rouse in the graduate school for their hard work this year.

This summer Dr. Berry and Dr. Kuralt will be reviewing the Graduate School policies this summer and will report back to the Graduate Council about their findings. Dr. Berry also gave updates on the strategic planning of the university. There are 3 strategic planning groups: 1) Institutional wide- led by the Chancellor, 2) Academic group- run by the Provost, and 3) Research strategic planning- led by Dr. Berry. These are in the early stages of the planning right now. Later, they will share the draft plans for feedback from the larger university community.

This year morning graduation ceremony will be the CBHHS and DCSTEM undergraduate students, while the afternoon ceremony will be CHASSE and all graduate students. Please come and support the graduate students. Also, the Get Your Feet Wet applications for the upcoming year will open in May 2022.

Lastly, Dr. Berry asked that programs encourage graduate students to go ahead and register for classes, so the school will have an accurate representation of enrollment.

Other Issues Discussed-continued:

4/27/22 continued:

Also discussed was the updated graduate probation policy. It was implemented immediately which has caused brought up questions from programs and students. Dr. Berry said that for the Spring 2022 semester, the students will have a grace period and the graduate school will err in favor of the best policy for the student (the old or new graduate probation policy).

End of Report.