

Graduate Council Monthly Report

November 18, 2022

Submitted by Nancy J. Hamilton

Kudos & Congratulations:

11/16/2022

Dr. Hamilton offered kudos to all of the meeting attendees on being present and taking care of business, students, our sanity, etc.

Dr. Crisp offered kudos to Dr. Hamilton for adding “kudos and congratulations” as a regular part of Grad Council meetings.

Dr. Crisp also applauds Dr. Stevenson’s overall responsiveness and stated how much she enjoyed conversing with another grad coordinator about problem solving for their programs. She suggested that future small group conversations between coordinators might be helpful and welcome.

Dr. Harris offered kudos to Dr. Kuralt, Paula Baker, Lucas Crosland, and Dana Steele for their help resolving catalog issues.

Dr. Nichols welcomed Dr. Siraj, who joined the Council for her first meeting as a new member.

Approved for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status

Mustafa Alassad	UA Little Rock	Ph.D.	Information Science	DCSTEM	Approved 11/2
Samrat Choudhury	UAMS	Ph.D.	Chemistry	DCSTEM	Approved 11/2
Stefanie Leacock	UA Little Rock	Ph.D.	Biology	DCSTEM	Approved 11/2
Thac Dung Nguyen	UA Little Rock	Ph.D.	Mathematics & Stats.	DCSTEM	Approved 11/2
Kamal Pandey	UAMS	Ph.D.	Biology	DCSTEM	Approved 11/2
Juliette Walker	UA Little Rock	Ph.D.	Chemistry	DCSTEM	Approved 11/2

Curriculum Approved

College of Business, Health, and Human Services (CBHHS):

22-6060	Social Work	title change	SOWK 7301	Approved 11/2
22-6061	Social Work	title change	SOWK 7331	Approved 11/2
22-6062	Social Work	title change	SOWK 7302	Approved 11/2
22-6063	MSW program	changes to Social and Organizational Impact Concentration		Approved 11/2

College Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences, and Education (CHASSE):

22-6139	PTWR & PTOL MA	program change to final project hours		Approved 11/16
22-6140	Rhetoric & Writing	new course	RHET 7315	Approved 11/16
22-6141	Rhetoric & Writing	new course	RHET 7316	Approved 11/16
22-6142	Rhetoric & Writing	title and description change	RHET 7360	Approved 11/16

Donaghey College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (DCSTEM):

22-6114	CIS Ph.D. program	add consecutive enrollment requirement		Approved 11/2
22-6115	CIS Ph.D. program	add publication as graduation requirement		Approved 11/2
22-6116	CIS Ph.D. program	add required time between oral proposal and diss. Defense		Approved 11/2
22-6020	Math. & Stats.	suspend course	MATH 5308	Approved 11/16
22-6046	Earth Science	new course	ERSC 5354	Approved 11/16
22-6120	Computer Science	new program: Grad Certificate in Cybersecurity		Approved 11/16
TBA	Chemistry	program change: non-thesis option for Chemistry MS		Approved 11/16
TBA	Chemistry	program change: delete MA in Chemistry		Approved 11/16

Other Issues Discussed 11/2/22

Dr. Berry noted that university-level testing on the new Slate application is expected to be completed tomorrow. The Graduate School will be communicating a timeline for helping grad coordinators make the transition, probably over the next two weeks.

Dr. Berry shared Workday Student is still under construction and is being customized for UA Little Rock's needs. Dr. Berry is serving on the change team and will be available to answer questions from grad coordinators as demos begin to roll out.

Dr. Kuralt shared a draft of the [2022 updated version of the Graduate Student Handbook](#) and requested feedback from the Policy and Personnel Subcommittee members specifically, although all Grad Council members are welcome to comment. The council set a deadline of Nov. 30 for comments. The draft and comments will be discussed again at the Nov. 30 Grad Council meeting. Dr. Berry will consult with Dr. Matson regarding whether the Grad Student Handbook requires Faculty Senate approval.

Dr. Crisp asked about the availability of Spring 2023 graduation applications. Grad School does not have an update on when they will open. The question will be referred to Records and Registration.

Dr. Zhao confirmed that program changes for the MA/MS in Chemistry will be on the agenda for Nov. 16.

Dr. Berry expressed appreciation for the work that Lucas Crossland and Paula Baker are doing to get Slate up and running, as well as Dr. Kuralt's work as the faculty advisor for the Graduate Student Association (GSA).

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Dr. Berry: Slate is getting closer to implementation. The Grad School team has practiced processing an application through the entire process and has begun writing documentation for coordinators. This should result in a smoother applicant experience, making it easier to collect application materials and reducing the need for coordinators to access records in ImageNow.

Dr. Crisp asked about the go-live date for Slate. Dr. Berry expects that it will become available this semester, although the actual date is not confirmed. Dr. Berry noted that the Grad School will provide individualized support for coordinators once the software is fully available.

Dr. Kuralt reported that the *Check Graduate Faculty Status by Name* report in ARGOS is now working again. She encouraged coordinators to use this report if they have questions about which members of their faculty have either full or affiliate status. Coordinators should contact Dr. Kuralt if they believe someone approved for grad faculty status is missing from the database.

Dr. Kuralt announced that on Dec. 12, the Grad School will sponsor a Graduate Education Night at the Trojans basketball game vs. Philander Smith. Graduate faculty and current grad students are invited to attend for free, and tickets for family members will be just \$2. The Grad School will also offer tickets for free concessions. Upper-level undergrads from both UA Little Rock and Philander Smith will be invited to attend and get free concessions as well, all while learning more about our UA Little Rock grad programs. We will have tables where we can collect prospective applicant info and where students can talk with coordinators about their programs.

Dr. Kuralt reminded the council members that the 2022 update of the Graduate Student Handbook is scheduled to be discussed at the Nov. 30 meeting.
