

Graduate Council Monthly Report

Actions as of
October 31, 2023

Submitted by Nancy J. Hamilton

Kudos and Congratulations:

10/11/23

Heidi Harris offered kudos to the Grad School staff for last week's informative, helpful, and brief coordinators meeting.

10/25/23

Dr. Harris offered kudos to Nathan Holloway in the Provost's Office for his work tracking PCFs and CCFs during the rush to prepare for implementing Workday Student. Dr. Lytle seconded these kudos.

Dr. Hamilton also commends Dana Steele and all other staff involved in the curriculum process.

Reports of the Curriculum Committee:

10/11/23

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

23-6002	ACOM 7329	Mediation Seminar	crosslist with PADM
23-6003		Conflict Management GC	changes to electives
23-6004		M.Ed. in Reading	update courses and graduation reqs
23-6005		Literacy GC	changes to required coursework
23-6009	ANTH 5313	Race and Human Variation	prereq change

Approved for Donaghey College of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (DCSTEM):

23-6017	ERSC 5450	Geochemistry	title, description, prereq change
23-6030		MS in Chemistry (non-thesis option)	clarify graduation requirements

10/25/23

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

23-6033	ANTH 5198	Special Topics in ANTH	new course
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Approved for College of Business, Health, and Human Services (CBHHS):

23-6046		MSW Advanced Standing	updates to required coursework
23-6047		MSW/MPS joint program	updates to required coursework
23-6048	SOWK 7399	Advanced Diversity	new course
23-6049	SOWK 8317	Adv. Practice Theory & Skills	new course
23-6050	SOWK 8359	Evaluation Research	description change
23-6051	SOWK 8360	Data Analysis	title, description change
23-6053	SOWK 8507	Internship I SOI	title change
23-6054	SOWK 8508	Internship II SOI	title change

Approved for Donaghey College of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (DCSTEM):

23-6029		MS in Bioinformatics	core course updates
23-6055		MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering	add non-thesis and PLA options

Reports of the Policy and Personnel Committee:

Name	Employment	Ed. Level	Dept/Sch	College
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Approved for Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status:

10/11/23

Phoenix Smithey	UCA	MA	Information Science	DCSTEM
Shi-Ming Tu	UAMS	MD	Information Science	DCSTEM

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Emad Badrdeen	UAPB	PhD	Physical Sciences	DCSTEM
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Approved for Graduate Faculty Full Status:

10/11/23

Hannah Anderson	UA Little Rock	PhD	Public History	CHASSE
Kyungsun Lee	UA Little Rock	PhD	Public History	CHASSE

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Sudan Xing	UA Little Rock	PhD	Mathematics/Stats	DCSTEM
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Other Business:

10/11/23

Potential Legal Action Contact Policy

Dr. Hamilton sent the legal action legislation passed at the Sept. 27 meeting to the Faculty Senate Exec Committee. The Exec Committee and the Provost have forwarded it to the university's new legal counsel. After that review, it will return to the Exec Committee for further action to be decided. This item will not be on the October Faculty Senate agenda.

Dean's Reports:

10/11/23

- Dr. Kuralt described the Grad School's new recruiting grant awards. The Graduate School will pilot a program this year that will dedicate half of the GS recruiting budget to individual graduate programs that need financial support to print recruiting materials, fund social media campaigns, travel to connect with prospective students, and more. The Graduate School will also provide writing, design, and video support to programs needing those resources.

Dr. Berry and Dr. Kuralt plan to fund 10 programs during the pilot year with amounts up to \$2000 per program. If the pilot is successful, additional programs may be funded in future years.

The deadline for programs to apply for support is Friday, Nov. 3 at 5 pm.

The award application form should be submitted by program coordinators only; there should not be multiple form submissions from different faculty in the same program. The form is located at <https://forms.gle/ox4TQLUbrK69DXhp8>.

This program is intended to help programs focus particularly on recruiting graduate students from within Arkansas and from contiguous states (because contiguous state students also pay in-state tuition). Proposals should address how programs will use the funds to reach these recruits specifically (although others may also be included).

A Google spreadsheet listing undergrad institutions in Arkansas that do NOT have grad programs competing with ours is located at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JYR-PPJHMdN0YHS37Bm6M_9voU4MvCeiTuf_CwXvvlU/edit?usp=sharing. This spreadsheet lists 19 potential feeder schools inside Arkansas, plus 200 more located in contiguous states.requirements.

10/25/23

Dr. Berry

- Dr. Berry announced that Workday Student testing is beginning this month, and modules will go live in Spring 2025 in preparation for Fall 2025 registration. For a while, the campus will be working in both Workday and DegreeWorks, BANNER, etc. until the transition is complete.

