

# Graduate Council Monthly Report

February 1 - 29, 2024

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## Report of the Curriculum Committee

Log Number	Impact	Change Requested	Date Approved
<b>Donaghey College of Science, Technology, Engineering, &amp; Mathematics (DCSTEM):</b>			
23-6087	NCTA certificate program	move to 100% online; add to online campus	2/7/24
23-6088	Cybersecurity cert prog	move to 100% online; add to online campus	2/7/24
24-1001	ENGR PHD (ECE track)	admission score and catalog copy changes	2/21/24

## Business, Health, and Human Services (CBHHS):

24-1000	Social Work	SOWK 7326 Trauma-Informed Practice New Course	2/21/24
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## Report of the Policy and Personnel Committee

### Approved for Full Graduate Faculty Status:

Name	Current Employment	Highest Degree	Unit Submitted	College Submitted	Date Approved
Mohammed Goodarzi	UA Little Rock	PhD	Physical Sci.	DCSTEM	2/21/24
Lundon Pinneo	UA Little Rock	PhD	Education	CHASSE	2/7/24

### Approved for Affiliate Graduate Faculty Status:

Hal Berghel	University of Nevada	PhD	Physical Sci.	DCSTEM	2/21/24
Constance Meadors	UA Little Rock	PhD	Physical Sci.	DCSTEM	2/7/24

## Deans' Report

### 2/7/24

Dr. Berry discussed the most recent enrollment report, which shows a significantly lower number of applications for Spring 2024 compared to Spring 2023. He attributed the decrease to the Graduate School having cleared out a significant number of deferred applications from COVID. These students were admitted, but were unable to get here due to the pandemic, so their applications remained in the system. Dr. Berry noted that admissions numbers did not decrease to the same extent.

Dr. Berry discussed progress on Workday Student Testing. Dr. Berry, Dr. Kuralt, Paula Baker-Rouse, and Lucas Crosland have represented the Grad School in the latest round of testing. The date for Workday Student to go live is currently projected to be August 2024; students will begin registering in Workday in 2025. Advising in Workday will begin in Spring 2025. Starting in Fall 2025, all student records (including those previously contained in DegreeWorks) will be migrated to Workday, and instructors will be starting grade input via Workday that same semester. More detail is available at [ualr.edu/workday/workday-student](http://ualr.edu/workday/workday-student).

Dr. Kuralt announced that the Graduate School awarded 13 recruiting grants to programs who applied for recruiting help last semester.

The Grad School also awarded 23 "Get Your Feet Wet" scholarships to incoming students for Spring 2024.

Dr. Kuralt also announced that this year's Grad School Night at Trojan Baseball will be held on Tuesday, April 30 when UA Little Rock faces off against UCA. All current grad and undergrad students are invited to watch the game and enter to win door prizes to celebrate the end of the semester, and undergrads are encouraged to visit information tables at the event to learn more about our grad programs. Grad coordinators or faculty who would like to participate in this event should contact Tiffany McFadden-Kidd at [tlmcfadden@ualr.edu](mailto:tlmcfadden@ualr.edu).

A new set of Graduate School viewbooks is available, updated for 2024 and printed in a smaller size for easier carrying and mailing. Coordinators who would like copies to hand out or mail out to prospective grad students can request them from either Dr. Kuralt or Tiffany McFadden-Kidd. PDF copies are also available for those who would prefer to send them via email.

### **2/21/24**

Dr. Berry invited Grad Council members to participate in the campus Eclipse Day events April 8. The event will take place at Jack Stephens Arena from 10 am to 4 pm. The event is open to the public; there will be telescopes, food trucks, and activities for both adults and kids. Faculty and students are invited to volunteer; volunteers will receive free t-shirts. Campus will be open for classes that day.

Dr. Berry announced that applications are now open for the Research and Creative Works Expo. Grad Council members should encourage their students to apply to participate and invite stakeholders to see the student presentations on April 19 from noon to 4 pm. Oral presentations are scheduled from 12-2 pm in the Reynolds Business building, with poster presentations from 2-4 pm. There will be financial support to help students get posters printed. More details will be announced in coming weeks.

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