

Graduate Council Monthly Report

March 1 - 31, 2024

Submitted by Nancy J. Hamilton

Report of the Policy and Personnel Committee

Approved for Full Graduate Faculty Status:

Name	Current Employment	Highest Degree	Unit Submitted	College Submitted	Date Approved
Tran Phuong	UA Little Rock	PhD	Computer Science	DCSTEM	3/27/24

Nominees for Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status:

Dhiah Al-Shammary	Univ. of Al-Qadisiyah (Iraq)	PhD	Information Science	DCSTEM	3/27/24
Sri Gourisetti	Resilience Cybersecurity	PhD	Computer Science	DCSTEM	3/27/24
Sean Orme	UA Little Rock	PhD	Computer Science	DCSTEM	3/27/24
Joshua Xu	NCTR	PhD	Information Science	DCSTEM	3/27/24
Yifan Zhang	NCTR	PhD	Information Science	DCSTEM	3/27/24

Deans' Report

Dr. Berry encouraged the council members to publicize and attend the following events:

1. The Faculty Excellence Awards ceremony on April 4 at 5:30 pm in the EIT auditorium
2. The campus eclipse events on April 8 at the Jack Stephens Center
3. The Research and Creative Works Expo on April 19
 - Oral presentations from noon to 2 pm in RBUS
 - Poster presentations from 2 pm to 4 pm in Jack Stephens

Dr. Kuralt reported on the UA Little Rock LSAMP recruiting event scheduled for March 29 and the Grad Night at the Ballpark event scheduled for April 30 at 6 pm at Gary Hogan Field.

Dr. Kuralt also announced that an updated version of the university's Thesis and Dissertation Guidelines will be available next month. The new guidelines include simplified page formatting and downloadable templates for students to use in Word 365, Google Docs, iOS Pages, and LaTeX formats.

Students graduating this spring can choose either the original format or the updated format. The new format will be required starting in Summer 2024.

The Graduate School will no longer be involved in arranging for theses and dissertations to be bound, since no grad programs require binding. Students will be referred to online resources they can use to arrange their own binding in the updated Thesis and Dissertation guidelines.