

# Graduate Council Monthly Report

February 24, 2023

Submitted by Nancy J. Hamilton

## Report of the Policy and Personnel Committee:

### Approved for Graduate Faculty Full Status:

Sujan Ghosh	UA Little Rock	PhD	Engin. & Engin. Tech	DCSTEM	2/8/23
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### Approved for Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status:

Mary Hughes	AR Dept. of Public Safety	PhD	Crim Justice	CBHHS	2/8/23
Billy Spann	UA Little Rock	PhD	Info Science	DCSTEM	2/8/23

## New Business:

1/25/23

- Dr. Hamilton asked the Policy and Personnel Committee to evaluate whether Simple Syllabus should be adopted and provide feedback to Faculty Senate. She asked for a report to be brought to the full Grad Council by March 8. Dr. Crisp reminds the subcommittee that they will meet at 2 pm on February 8 to begin that work.
- Interpretation of Faculty Senate legislation on early entry graduate programs: Can a student from a minor or undergrad certificate participate in an early entry program?

The Council concluded that undergraduate students in a minor, certificate, or concentration are permitted to use early-entry programs to earn credits toward a graduate degree. These students must be approved by the graduate program's faculty and meet the admissions criteria for the early-entry program.

Links to relevant legislation:

[https://ualr.edu/facultysenate/files/2014/06/FS\\_2014\\_6\\_approved.pdf](https://ualr.edu/facultysenate/files/2014/06/FS_2014_6_approved.pdf)

[https://ualr.edu/facultysenate/files/2013/12/FS\\_2017\\_14.pdf](https://ualr.edu/facultysenate/files/2013/12/FS_2017_14.pdf) (name change from 4+1 to early entry)

2/8/23

- **Update on review of Simple Syllabus requested by Faculty Senate:**

The policy subcommittee has created a [Simple Syllabus Google Doc](#) collecting some factual information about Simple Syllabus along with some questions that the subcommittee will investigate further. Members of the Council are invited to add comments to this document. Dr. Crisp will locate Simple Syllabus demos for Grad Council members to view prior to the council's next meeting. Dr. Larsen discussed her experience using Simple Syllabus in two courses this semester, including pros and cons. Several members mentioned concerns about the review process for approving syllabi each semester.

## Dean's Report

1/25/23:

Dr. Berry gave an overview of admissions application processing in Slate

- Written instructions are being developed
- One-on-one meetings with coordinators will be set up on Zoom; coordinators can refer to the recording whenever needed
- The platform uses single-sign on

Dr. Kuralt announced that 25 Get Your Feet Wet awards were offered in Spring 2023. A full report on the first 3 semesters of this scholarship will be available to Grad Council and program coordinators later this semester.

The Graduate School has offered the open position of Graduate Enrollment Management Specialist to Chloe Moses. She is expected to begin work next week.

The Graduate School is in the process of hiring a DCSTEM graduate advisor and a second admissions counselor to assist with applications.

## **2/8/23:**

Dr. Berry reported that the Quick Reference Guide (QRG) for processing graduate admission applications in Slate is nearly complete. The Grad School will provide the document along with individual training for coordinators as applications for their programs come in this semester.

Tentative dates for college-level program coordinator meetings have been identified; watch for emails to come with more information.

Graduate enrollment after the census date was +4.1%, a healthy and encouraging increase. Dr. Berry hopes we will be able to continue growing enrollment through Fall 2023.

Dr. Kuralt noted that last week's GSA meeting was well attended, with several new students in attendance. GSA will hold elections for its open officer positions at the Feb. 23 meeting.

Christy Crawford, a graduate student in the Counseling MA program, has undertaken an initiative to revive UA Little Rock's lapsed Zeta chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, the grad student honors society. After meeting with the AEL national leadership, Crawford has agreed to serve as chapter president, with Dr. Kuralt as faculty advisor. Additional chapter leaders have been identified, and the new leaders plan to induct new AEL members before May commencement.

## **Open Forum**

Dr. Khodakovskaya asked about the publication date of the next Graduate Catalog, which is projected to be July 2023. Christine Jones in Records will confirm.

Christine Jones invited everyone to Monica Guzman's talk about her book *I Never Thought of It That Way* this evening at 5:30 pm in the Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall and live on Zoom.

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