

UA Little Rock Graduate Council  
October 6, 2021, 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom Virtual Meeting

## Minutes

**Members Present:** Laura Ruhl, John Nichols, Catherine Crisp, Lynne Larsen, Daryl Tate, Donna Rose, Roger Dorsey, Jennifer Holtz, Nancy Hamilton, Rebekah White, Chelsea Bradley, David Manry, Sung-Kwan Kim, Roger Dorsey, Nancy Hamilton, Heidi Harris, Kamran Iqbal, Robert Lytle, Jerry Stevenson

**Members Absent:** Mariya Khodakovskaya

**Others Present:** Brian Berry, Paula Baker, Karen Kuralt

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Meeting called to order at **3:01 p.m.**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Old Business**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

### **Report of the Curriculum Committee**

#### **Donaghey College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**

21-6019	DCSTEM	7395	New Course
21-6018	DCSTEM	7320	New Course
21-6017	DCSTEM	7310	New Course
21-6016	DCSTEM	7301	New Course
21-6015	DCSTEM	Cyber Teaching Academy	New Program
21-1031	DCSTEM	Requirement Change	BSME -> MSME early entry

### **Report of the Policy and Personnel Committee**

#### **Nominees for Graduate Faculty Full Status:**

Kensuke Yamada CHASSE	MFA	Assistant Professor	Dept. of Art and Design
Emily Hood CHASSE	Doctorate	Assistant Professor	Dept. of Art and Design

## **Nominees for Graduate Faculty Affiliate Status:**

Krista Schoening      MFA                      Instructor (Art)                      Dept. of Art and Design  
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## **Policy Proposals**

- **Probation Policy -- Option 2** was approved:

Any graduate student whose cumulative GPA on all courses taken for graduate credit falls below 3.0 at the end of a semester will be placed on probation. Students will be removed from probation when their cumulative GPA is a 3.0 or above. Failure to make at least a 3.0 in each semester while on probation or receiving two or more C grades (or lower) during the probation period will result in the student being dismissed from the Graduate School. During their first semester on probation, students must meet with a graduate school advisor in addition to their program advisor to develop a plan to regain good academic standing.

- **Transcript Policy**

The subcommittee debated whether it would change our ability to predict applicant success in grad school if we use a GPA based only on the last 60 hours versus the cumulative GPA. Dr. Berry said he would try to get data to answer this question.

Topic is tabled until the next meeting; Dr. Berry and Dr. Kuralt will meet to figure out how to modify admissions policy.

## **Dean's Report**

### **Dr. Berry:**

- Dr. Berry has recently mediated several disagreements between students and their thesis or dissertation advisors. He is concerned that we don't have approved procedures for dealing with these types of conflicts.
- The council suggests looking at general student appeal legislation to see if the legislation applies to graduate students as well.

### **Dr. Kuralt:**

- A meeting will be called for all graduate coordinators during the second week of November, on Wednesday at 3:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:11 pm**