

# Report from the Graduate Council

February 27, 2020

submitted by Laura S. Ruhl

## Approved Curriculum Items

20-1012	Program changes (Required hours change)	BUSX- Grad Certificate	approved 2/12
20-1013	Program changes (Admission requirements change)	MBA Program	approved 2/12
20-1014	Program changes (Admission requirements change)	MS in Business Info Syst & Analytics	approved 2/12
20-1015	Curriculum change (Title change)	MGMT 7380	approved 2/12
20-1016	Program change (Course replacement)	MBA Program	approved 2/12
20-1017	Curriculum change (Prerequisite change)	MGMT 7101	approved 2/12
20-1018	Program change (Program deletion)	MGMT-Grad Certificate	approved 2/12
20-1114	Curriculum change (Dual-listing course)	FREN 5361	approved 2/26
20-1115	Curriculum change (Dual-listing course)	FREN 5362	approved 2/26
20-1113	Program change (Admissions requirements change)	MA Public History	approved 2/12
20-1009	Curriculum change (Dual-listing course)	SOCI 5376	approved 2/26
20-1001	Curriculum change (Dual-listing course)	SOCI 5365	approved 2/26
20-1000	Curriculum change (New course)	SOCI 5302	approved 2/26
20-1110	Program change (Accelerated BS/MS)	CHPR- Early Entry	approved 2/12
17-6083	Curriculum change (New course)	ACCT 5352	approved 2/12
20-1024	Program change	BUSAHR-CMBA	approved 2/12

(Electives hours added)

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### Approved for Graduate Faculty Status

#### *Nominees for Full Status*

Zachary Hagins	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CALS	approved 2/26
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#### *Nominees for Affiliate Status*

Denise O. Green	Doctorate	OVPECI	CEHP	approved 2/12
Deanna Harris-McKoy	Doctorate	TAMUCT	CEHP	approved 2/12
Xiangwen Lui	Doctorate	NWU	CEIT	approved 2/12
Yu Nie	Doctorate	UA Little Rock	CEIT	approved 2/12
Shawna Patterson-Stephens	Doctorate	UIUC	CEHP	approved 2/12

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### Approved Policy Changes

None

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### Other Issues Discussed

Dr. Kamran Iqbal joins the council as the new rep from CEIT, replacing Dr. Yupo Chan.

Dean Brian Berry reported that the graduate school is continuing to move forward with releasing student applications to program coordinators sooner than in the past. They plan to potentially admit the students as provisional, supply them with additional information about what that entails (not eligible for financial aid), and encourage them to supply the missing materials. Additionally, Dean Berry reported that the Graduate School is also working on the Graduate Admission Decision Form to have more options on the form. They would like to include a deferral of admissions option instead of denying outright, as well as other options such as enrolling as a non-degree seeking student to see if grad school is a good fit for the student. Overall, they would like to move away from the harsh email of denied admission.

Dean Berry reported that graduate school enrollment (Fall applications) are down by 3% and that there has been a decrease in the number of international applications, but an increase in domestic applications and applications of undergraduate UA Little Rock students continuing into a graduate program here at UA Little Rock.

Dr. Berry also spoke about the HLC visit before it occurred to encourage participation in the open forums. After the visit he spoke about the good attendance and engagement by UA Little Rock faculty.

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Graduate Student Association (GSA) president Natalie Snow spoke about future events that the GSA will be hosting throughout the semester, including paying for graduate student lunches, workshops on CVs and resumes, and panels on an academic career. Email Natalie Snow for more information.

The Research and Creative Works Expo is scheduled for Friday, April 17 from 12 – 3 pm. Coordinators are asked to encourage their students to participate; the application form is due March 20. Program faculty are encouraged to volunteer as judges. Email Dr. Laura Ruhl to volunteer.