

## REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: December 7, 2020

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Graduate Council met on November 20 to consider and approve the following:

- Name change of MS in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics to MS in Economics
- Name change of MS and PhD in Soil, Water and Environmental Science to MS and PhD in Environmental Science
- Curricular change to reduce required credits for MS in Biostatistics from 39 to 33

A new MA proposal in Philosophy, Politics and Economics was discussed. The curriculum is rigorous and appropriate, but there may be conflicts with courses in economics. The proposal was deferred until the December meeting when a program representative will be present to address Council questions.

As a follow-up to the discussion in Faculty Senate on November 2, the Graduate Council discussed whether an additional statement on the program's ability to add or remove faculty should be added to the Graduate Faculty Policy (<https://grad.arizona.edu/policies/academic-policies/graduate-faculty-policy>). The following sections were discussed: 1.1.1. Tenure-eligible/tenured faculty and Continuing Status eligible/Continuing Status academic professionals with faculty appointments are **automatically members of the Graduate Faculty in their programs**, 1.1.3. Career Track may be appointed as members of the Graduate Faculty **upon the advice of the program they serve**. 1.1.4. A faculty member... *may also be appointed to serve in the GF of programs in other units if recommended by the faculty of that program*. 6.1.1. If the program determines that a faculty member does not currently meet the standards for appointment for membership in the GF, then **they may recommend ...(the faculty member)... not be appointed at all**. Therefore, the Council determined that the current content of the policy is sufficient to empower the graduate programs to make the desired membership changes.

Graduate Council has 33 members from all UArizona colleges including the Deans of the Graduate College. Thirty members attended the November meeting.

### GOALS:

Ongoing review of new program proposals and Graduate College policies.