

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: April 5, 2021

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Graduate Council met on March 19 to consider and approve the following:

- Amendment to the Master's credit for prior learning policy – allowing 1 credit toward a graduate certificate for prior learning to the existing policy allowing up to 3 credits toward the Master's degree.
- MA in Research for Social Change, presented by Jo Korchmaros, Director, Southwest Institute for Research on Women
- Disestablishment of the MS in General Biology
- Name change from Clinical Translational Science to Clinical Translational Sciences

GPERC approved:

- Dual MS with Urban Planning and Water, Society & Policy
- Significant change to the graduate minor in Mining & Geological Engineering (reduction of required units)

Discussion items:

- Deans' reports: New graduate applications (+8%) and admissions (+2%) have increased this year. Anticipated FY22 budget shortfall and changes under AIB were discussed. A revised oral defense policy is coming with more flexibility for remote participation by individuals at highest risk for COVID (released 03/25/21). Graduate Center in collaboration with GPSC are offering new professional development opportunities.

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

GOALS:

Ongoing review of new program proposals and Graduate College policies.