

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: Nov 7, 2022

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Graduate Council met on Oct 21 to consider and approve the following:

1. Reviewed Graduate Advising Policy Change for Professional Master Students. The masters programs in UA will be categorized as Professional Master Programs, Research Master Programs, and Terminal Master Programs. The proposed change will give Professional Master Programs a new advising option -- allow approved professionals with master's degrees to advise professional masters in lieu of graduate faculty advisors. Motion was approved to perform an electronic vote after some clarification amendments are made.
2. Reviewed the newly submitted support letter from department head of Molecular & Cellular Biology and approved Substantial Change to the Ph.D. program of Molecular Medicine. This proposal does not need approval by Faculty Senate.

Discussion items:

1. Student support and campus safety: Dean Andrew Carnie and Associate Dean Maggie Pitts updated GC on the carefully designed and newly implemented graduate admission background check measures which are similar to the current two-step undergraduate admission background check. Changes to the wording of background check message were discussed. Other topics discussed included UA alert message that need to be improved and the need to design a good active-shooting training program for graduate students, staff and faculty that can be applied to different settings. It was good and sad that our undergraduate students know what to do under Oct 5 scenario. but not graduate students. staff. or faculty.

GOALS:

Graduate Council meets again on Nov 18 to consider additional program proposals.