

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: December 5, 2022

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Graduate Council met on November 18 to consider and approve the following:

- Policy revision on Military Excused Absence
 - The revised policy passed unanimously.

Discussion items:

- A new procedure is in place for disclosure of felonies in graduate applications in an expanded effort to identify potential safety concerns.
- The increasing GRA stipend level of \$21,750 for 9 months (prorated to \$29,000 for 12 months) starting on 07/01/23 was discussed. Some graduate programs already have agreed to raise the 12-month stipend to \$30,000 on 07/01/23 with further increases in the future. The FY24-25 GRA stipend level is expected to be ~\$25,000 for 9 months. Approved NSF GRFP stipends already provide \$37,000 annually for 12-month appointments even though NIH fellowship stipends remain at \$25,352 for 12 months.

Graduate Council has 34 members from all UArizona colleges including the Deans of the Graduate College. Twenty-one members attended the September meeting.

GOALS:

Graduate Council meets again on October 21 to consider additional program proposals.