

## REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: January 25, 2021

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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

- MA in Philosophy & Political Economy from the Department of Political Economy and Moral Science.
- Name change from Graduate Certificate in Digital Information Management to **Graduate Certificate in Digital Curation**
- MPH emphasis in Global Health (pending CAAC approval)
- MS-Accounting/JD Dual degree program

Dean Andrew Carnie reported on a December 2020 report entitled “Graduate student experiences of support and stress during the COVID-19 pandemic” in which 3500 students including those from UArizona participated ([https://grad.arizona.edu/gradcouncil/sites/default/files/agenda/new\\_nsf\\_rapid\\_graduatestudentexperiences\\_covid19\\_white\\_paper.pdf](https://grad.arizona.edu/gradcouncil/sites/default/files/agenda/new_nsf_rapid_graduatestudentexperiences_covid19_white_paper.pdf)). Two-thirds of participants report increasing levels of anxiety and depression, more than ¼ report food and housing insecurity, and 25% report a longer expected time to degree. Recommendations include considering graduate students explicitly in institutional policy, support and communication, creating peer support opportunities, and educating faculty that traumatized students have difficulty regulating responses to stress and may require support time, mindfulness and counseling.

A recommended template for graduate course syllabi was approved ([graduate syllabus template revised.12.21.20.docx](#)).

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

The Graduate Council meeting on January 15 was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

### GOALS:

Ongoing review of new program proposals and Graduate College policies.