

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: November 2, 2020

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Graduate Council met on October 16 with reports conveying generally good news on graduate student enrollment and actions by the Graduate College to assist graduate students affected by the pandemic. Several efforts are underway to provide evidence-based mentorship training to research mentors across campus. RII has organized a meeting of institutional T32 fellowship programs to enhance infrastructure required for such programs, including additional training resources.

A proposed revision to the Graduate Certificate Credit Unit policy was discussed and approved to permit all units required for a graduate certificate to be applied to a subsequent MS or PhD program, subject to approval from the graduate program and the Graduate College.

In Faculty Senate on 10/5/2020, a question was raised about the Graduate Faculty title (UHAP 3.1.04). The process for revising a University policy such as UHAP was followed (<https://policy.arizona.edu/process-creating-and-revising-university-policy>). “Academic policies that relate to courses, instruction, curriculum, graduation requirements, minors, majors, certificates, degrees, transfer credits, general education, and academic progress must go through the shared governance approval process.” By contrast, University policies are sponsored, drafted and reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) before stakeholder comments are invited for a minimum 30-day period. The draft was revised based on feedback and revisions and their rationale were reviewed by OGC, endorsed by the SLT, then reviewed and approved by the President. The revised section and renumbering were added to UHAP on 06/01/2020.

Graduate Council has 33 members from all UArizona colleges including the Deans of the Graduate College. Thirty-one members attended the October meeting, which is typical attendance.

GOALS:

Ongoing review of new program proposals and Graduate College policies.