

# **Academic Update**

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1. Mitch Moon met with COAD to discuss the UNA website. The discussion focused on how graduate students can access program information.
2. Ron Patterson and Sherri Hester met with COAD to discuss the Thanksgiving holiday/calendar for 2018-19 academic year.
3. The COAD discussed the opt-in process for the new promotion and tenure policies. The COAD agreed that faculty candidates are allowed to submit a tenure portfolio under the old policy with a deadline of June 1 and then opt-in to the new policy for promotion.
4. The College of Business submitted an honor cord request. It was approved for further review by the Commencement Committee.
5. The COAD approved a proposal to include associate deans in the promotion and tenure review of department chairs. The proposal will be forwarded to the Shared Governance Executive Committee.
6. Announcements included: information on two accreditation visits, update on international activities, notice about partnerships with NE Mississippi Community College, the new art exhibit, information on Fulbright awards, and a possible new program in nursing.