**Graduate Academic Board**

**October 23, 2015**

**Graduate School Report:**

* **Graduate Assistantships**
* **New for spring 2016:** Graduate Assistant Contract letters have a new section for students to acknowledge that a criminal background check may be required. This was reinstated by UA Statewide. They removed the section a few years ago as being personally invasive but have now decided to reinstate the information.

**STUDENT’S CRIMINAL BACKGROUND DISCLOSURE**

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a traffic or juvenile offense? Yes / No

If yes, specify the nature of the offense(s), the date(s) they occurred, the name and location of the court(s) and the sentence(s) imposed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I accept the Graduate Teaching (or Research or Service Assistantship as outlined above. I affirm that the information above, including criminal background) is true and correct and I consent to a criminal background check.

Signature UA ID Date

* A templates for the letters is on the GS website under Faculty and Staff/Hiring Graduate Students.
* A copy of each letter will be sent to those staff involved with hiring GA’s.
* **New for spring 2016:** Thesis margins will be 1” on all side. Programs with thesis requirements were queried and all agreed that 1” margins were acceptable. ProQuest moved to 1” margins a few years ago due to electronic submission and fewer bound copies being ordered.
* The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is currently looking for a GAB representative to replace Lyle Hjort. Lyle experienced health issues and needed to resign from the GSA executive committee.
* A Graduate Council subcommittee is working on an exit survey regarding students’ graduate experience at UAA and their future plans.
* Other subcommittees will be formulating their foci, deliverables, timelines and plan of action by the November 13 GC meeting.