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Memorandum

Date: April 22, 2014

To: Members of UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty

From: Dr. Alesia Ferguson, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes- April 17, 2014

Members Present: Drs. Basnakian, Crook, Davidson, Ferguson, Gray, Greene, Hendrickson, Heo, Post, Prather, Tilford, Wight and Ms. Becky Butler.

Members Absent: Drs. Atcherson, Benes, Fuhrman and Ms. Reichard.

Non-voting Members Present: Dr. Robert E. McGehee, Jr., Mr. Jackie McRoberts and Mrs. Pattie Hamilton.

Non-voting Members Absent: Dr. Kristen Sterba.

Attendees:

Dr. Ferguson called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The March 20, 2014 minutes were approved.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee reported Research Day and the McGehee Lecture went well. Dr. Thomas Caskey was the speaker this year. Dr. McGehee asked if anyone had suggestions for a speaker for next year, please let him know. Dr. McGehee stated that Linda Williams is asking for new ideas on how to better judge the presentations. Dr. Tilford suggested asking those who are judging to judge more than two as requested. There were additional recommendations from the group on ordering projects by category and having the same 2-3 judges in each category for consistency and fairness.

Dr. McGehee reminded everyone of Commencement on May 17 and that the Graduate School Brunch will be the morning of May 17. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. McGehee stated the Spring Reception was well attended and that there were 111 manuscripts from Graduate Students.

Dr. McGehee reported in Dr. Sterba's absence the GSTCA symposium is May 20 and gave updates on the GUS (Student Information System). The admissions module will go live July 21. Students who are applying for fall 2015-16 will use the new application. The old application will still be open for students applying for spring or summer 2014-15. The entire system will be live for fall 2015-16. We will keep you informed of features that allow students and faculty to access student information as

the implementation continues.

Dr. McGehee announced that the IMSD grant and a T32 grant in PRI were renewed.

Dr. McGehee stated we have 13 students in this year's SURP.

Report from the Graduate Student Association

Dr. McGehee reported the following in Ms. Emily Reichard absence:

1. Crawfish Boil will be May 3rd at Reservoir Park, UAPB grad students will also be attending
2. Habitat for Humanity will now be May 10th
3. Canoe Trip has been booked for June 14th
4. Email for elections will be sent out April 16th and voting will take place the first week in May

1. Old Business

Academic Senate Election- Dr. Ferguson asked Dr. McGehee to contact Dr. Gunnar Boysen to ask if he will serve a two year term as a Graduate School representative on the Academic Senate.

2. New Business

None

3. Reports from Committees

Faculty- Dr. Crook reported the committee reviewed seven applications.

The committee recommends graduate faculty status for six of them-Dr. Rohit Pradhan, Health Systems and Services Research, Ms. Tiffany Tassin, Genetic Counseling, Dr. Crotwell, Genetic Counseling, Mr. Jason Flanagan, Genetic Counseling, Dr. Michael Kruer, Genetic Counseling and Mr. Quinn Stein, Genetic Counseling. The Council approved these recommendations.

The committee requests guidance for the following application- Ms. Suzanne Huetter, APN, Pediatrics, UAMS. The Department of Genetic Counseling is requesting that she be given a one-time appointment that would lapse to advise a current graduate student. Dr. Davidson suggested that she be given an outside member appointment and that someone with Graduate Faculty status from the program serve as major advisor. The Graduate School will complete the outside member form and get the required signatures.

Curriculum- Dr. Gray stated there is no report from the Committee.

Academic Senate- Dr. Hendrickson stated the suggestions from the Senate were sent to the Deans and Chancellor. The next full Senate meeting will be held May 8.

4. Announcements- None

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.