Date: August 16, 2012

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

From: Dr. Alesia Ferguson, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2012

Members Present: Drs. Abraham, Basnakian, Borders, Ferguson, Goodwin, Gray, Simmen, Prather, Benes, Acherson, Ms. Becky Butler, Dr. Josh Phelps substituting for Dr. Tina Crook and Dr. Wessinger substituting for Dr. Post

Members Absent: Drs. Hendrickson and Krukowski

Non-voting Members Present: Dr. Robert E. McGehee, Jr., Dr. Kristen Sterba, Mr. Jackie McRoberts

Non-voting Members Absent: Ms. Pattie Hamilton

Attendees: Ms. Pam McCullough

Dr. Ferguson called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes
   The May 3, 2012 minutes were approved.

2. Administrative Items
   Dr. McGehee reminded everyone of the Research Induction Ceremony on Monday, September 24, 2012 in IDW 126 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The reception following the ceremony will recognize the August graduates and student awards will be presented. Dr. McGehee reminded members that no classes will be scheduled during the ceremony. Dr. McGehee also reminded everyone of Career Day on Thursday, October 18th and that no classes will be scheduled for that day.

   Dr. McGehee discussed the approval process for the new Pharmaceutical Sciences doctoral program. He asked the members whether the Council should begin working toward approving the courses for the new program or wait until the program has received ADHE approval. The members decided that the curriculum committee would decide when to begin the course approval
process. The curriculum committee will also need to approve new courses for the new Occupational and Environmental Health Regulatory Sciences certificate.

Dr. Ty Borders announced that he is leaving UAMS and will be replaced by Dr. Mick Tilford. Dr. Rebecca Kurkowski has also left UAMS and will need to be replaced.

Report from Dr. Sterba
Dr. Kristen Sterba stated that the Teaching Symposium held in May was well attended by graduate students and there were a total of 41 attendees. The symposium will be held again in May of 2013. Dr. Sterba has two additional career development seminars planned. The first Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) was recently completed. Ten of the seventy-five applicants were selected to participate in this year's program. The review of the IMSD program received a low score but could receive funding.

Dr. McGehee sent an email to members with committee assignments and everyone agreed with the assignments. The committees are:

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Curriculum Committee: Wayne Gray, Becky Butler, Rosie Simmen, Julia Goodwin, Howard Hendrickson

Faculty Committee: Ed Abraham, Alexei Basnakian, Sam Acherson, Helen Benes

Assessment Committee: Steve Post, Tina Crook, Paul Prather, Mick Tilford

Dr. McGehee stated that the Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences program is scheduled for assessment this year. The assessment for the Pharmaceutical Sciences program was also scheduled for this year, but has been moved to 2019 as a result of adding the doctoral program.

Report from the Graduate Student Association
None
1. Old Business
None
2. New Business
None
3. Reports from Committees
None
4. Announcements
The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.