Memorandum

Date: October 25, 2012

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

From: Dr. Alesia Ferguson, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2012

Members Present: Drs. Goodwin, Abraham, Ferguson, Prather, Basnakian, Hendrickson, Rosalia Simmen, Benes, Gray, Ms. Terri Hutton, Ms. Becky Butler, Ms. Tina Crook, Dr. Wessinger for Dr. Steven Post

Members Absent: Dr. Steven Post

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

Non-voting Members Absent: Ms. Pattie Hamilton

Attendee: Ms. Pam McCullough

Dr. Ferguson called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Minutes
   The August 16, 2012 minutes were corrected to add the following committee members:

   Curriculum Committee, Dr. Qayyim Said; Faculty Committee, Ms. Terri Hutton

   Curriculum Committee: Dr. Wayne Gray, Dr. Rosalia Simmen, Dr. Julia Goodwin
   Dr. Howard Hendrickson, Dr. Qayyim Said, and Ms. Becky Butler

   Faculty Committee: Dr. Ed Abraham, Dr. Alexei Basnakian, Dr. Sam Acherson,
   Dr. Helen Benes, and Ms. Terri Hutton

   Assessment Committee: Dr. Steve Post, Dr. Tina Crook, Dr. Paul Prather, and
   Dr. Mick Tilford
2. **Administrative Items**

Dr. McGehee thanked everyone for a remarkable Research Induction Ceremony. There was a record turn out with standing room only.

The 12th Annual Career Day was also a success and Dr. Kristen Sterba did an amazing job of organizing the event.

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHEC) will meet on Friday, October 26th and it is anticipated that the new Pharmaceutical Sciences Ph.D. program will be approved. Students may begin enrolling in the new program as early as the 2013 Spring semester pending approval.

The AHEC board is also expected to approve the name change for the Communication and Sciences Disorders Ph.D. program.

**Report from Dr. Sterba**

Dr. Kristen Sterba reported that attendance at the 2012 Career Day event exceeded 204 participants. There were a record 108 undergraduates, 63 graduate students and 18 undergraduate institutions represented.

The Graduate Student Teachers of Central Arkansas (GSTCA) has scheduled several seminars for graduate students interested in pursuing the teaching profession. Online teaching modules are now available to encourage graduate students to teach.

The Women’s Faculty Development Caucus are holding a round table luncheon for female basic science graduate students and postdoctoral fellows on October 26. The topics covered include work-life balance, networking, possible career paths, and grants. They anticipate 35 attendees for this event.

Updated news on the student information system included two vendor demonstrations which included PeopleSoft and Ellucian (Banner) and that the goal is to have a system identified by early Spring of 2013.

Dr. Sterba announced that the Graduate School website has been updated to include an online form students can complete to request information about Graduate School programs.

1. **Old Business**

Dr. McGehee reminded the Council that the Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences program was scheduled for assessment this year.

Dr. McGehee stated that the Graduate Student Association back to school picnic was well attended and enjoyed by all. He also stated that the GSTCA has five students giving lectures at UCA, Hendrix, and UAPB. The students have received very good evaluations from faculty.
2. **New Business**
   No new business

3. **Reports from Committees**

   **Curriculum Committee** - The curriculum committee recommended approving the addition of the following Graduate School courses:

   OEHM 6023 Risk Assessment and Management  
   OEHM 6013 Principles of Food and Drug Regulation  
   BINF 5013 Reasoning with Data

   The curriculum committee recommended changing the course title for the following Graduate School course:

   NUSC 6233: Qualitative Research Methodology (course title changed from Qualitative Methodology in Nursing)

   The curriculum committee recommended eliminating the following Graduate School course:

   NBDS 5203: Neurophysiology Recording Techniques

   The Council approved the above course recommendations.

   **Faculty Committee** - The faculty committee recommended approving the applicants for Graduate Faculty status.

   The faculty applicants and their sponsoring programs are:

   Dr. Karl Boehme, Microbiology and Immunology, Dr. Kristie Hadden, Communication and Sciences Disorders, Dr. Donald Johann, Bioinformatics, Dr. Josh Cisler, Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences, Dr. Maria Schuller Almeida, Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences, and Dr. Haibo Zhao, Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences

   The Council approved the above faculty recommendations.

   **Assessment Committee** – No report

4. **Announcements**

   Dr. McGehee stated that due to a scheduling conflict, the next Graduate Council meeting would be held on November 29th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.