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## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.