

Date: April 24, 2009

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

From: Ms. Terri Hutton, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2009

Members Present: Drs. Abraham, Benes, Chowdhury, Das, Hays, Hinson, Soderberg, Wessinger and Ms. Kimberly Reynolds.

Members Absent: Drs. Cranmer, Gottschall, Greene, Hendrickson, Mays, and Paniagua.

Non-voting Members Present: Dr. Robert McGehee, and Mr. Jackie McRoberts.

Non-voting Members Absent: Dr. Kristen Sterba and Ms. Pattie Hamilton

Attendee: None

Ms. Hutton called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting were approved.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee announced the Spring Reception will be on April 27th at 3:00 p.m. The program will begin at 3:30 p.m. and will include certificates, three outstanding achievement awards, and sixteen mentor awards.

Dr. McGehee announced the annual Graduate School Brunch will be 10:00 a.m. and the Commencement ceremony will be 3:00 p.m. on May 16th. He confirmed the Research Induction Ceremony will be scheduled again for this Fall. Further information will be forthcoming.

Dr. McGehee announced the Graduate School office would be relocating to the second floor of the Admin West building sometime in early June.

Dr. McGehee reported there are currently three IMSD grants committed and two pending and there would probably be no more than a total of six in any given year. Recruitment has begun for faculty necessary for the pre-matriculation courses associated with the IMSD grant.

Dr. McGehee discussed the upcoming arrival of the new Chancellor, Dr. Daniel W. Rahn. He is expected to begin November 1, 2009 and Chancellor Wilson is expected to remain through October 31, 2009.

Report from Dr. Sterba

Dr. Sterba was absent. Ms. Hutton announced Dr. Sterba will be attending the annual National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals conference from April 20-25.

Report from Graduate Student Association

Ms. Reynolds reported GSA movie night will be tonight. Free pizza, coke and candy will be served. Ms. Reynolds stated doughnut Wednesdays will continue through the end of May. On April Fool's Day, students were tricked with cupcakes instead of doughnuts. Ms. Reynolds reported the Spring 2009 Ouachita Lake Trip is scheduled for May 2nd. A houseboat will be rented with Dean McGehee serving as the navigator. Ms. Reynolds stated the 2009-10 GSA is currently forming. Elections will be held to fill contested positions.

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

None

3. Reports from Committees

Assessment Committee – Dr. Das reported the Committee did not meet.

Faculty Committee – Dr. Soderberg reported there were no applications for review. There was no meeting held.

Curriculum Committee –Dr. Paniagua reported the Committee met online and recommended one course change for approval which include a credit hour and course number change from BIOG 5031 to 503V, Biochemistry Seminar and two course deletions which include NBDS 5101, Ethics and Scientific Communications I and NBDS 5111, Ethics and Scientific Communications II. The Council approved these recommendations.

Graduate Student Research Funds –Dr. Hays reported the Committee made four recommendations to Dr. McGehee which includes Stefania Cane, MBIM, Cody Cook, BIOG, Elina Pathak, PCOL, and Jennifer Watts, NBDS. The recommendations were sent to Dr. McGehee for funding.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56.