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Memorandum

Date: August 24, 2010

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

From: Dr. Helen Beneš, Chair *H. Beneš*

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2010

Members Present: Drs. Abraham, Basnakian, Beneš, Borders, Das, Ferguson, Goodwin, Gottschall, Gray, Hays, Hendrickson, Krukowski, Post, Ms. Hutton, Mr. Kim and Mr. Bruce Haas substituting for Ms. Becky Butler and Dr. Frank Simmen substituting for Dr. Rosalia Simmen.

Members Absent: Ms. Becky Butler and Dr. Rosalia Simmen

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

Non-voting Members Absent:

Attendees:

Ms. Hutton called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting were approved as amended by Mr. Bruce Haas and Ms. Terri Hutton.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee welcomed everyone. Dr. McGehee announced the Research Induction Ceremony will be held on September 27. Dr. McGehee stated that the Chair of the Graduate Council will be the announcer and Dr. Philip Langlais from Old Dominion University will be the guest speaker.

Dr. McGehee stated that he hopes to sponsor a workshop for students applying for NIH grants sometime this fall.

Dr. McGehee announced that no GSRF applications will be accepted this fall. If funding is available, he will ask for applications in February for funding by the end of the fiscal year. Dr. McGehee stated that he was able to fund five grants for \$2000.00 each in June 2010.

Dr. McGehee announced that he will approve more student travel awards this year and will focus on those students in their last two years of study or those with exceptional circumstances.

Dr. McGehee charged Dr. Abraham with the task of forming a committee to recognize those students graduating with Distinction. The committee will define the terms for this distinction that will show on the student's diploma and transcript. Dr. Abraham accepted the task and will submit reports to the Graduate Council when available.

Report from Dr. Sterba

Dr. Sterba announced that the Graduate School will be sponsoring a number of events this semester including the Research Induction Ceremony on September 27th and Career Day for the Biomedical Sciences on November 4th. Please visit the Graduate School website for a current list of activities.

Dr. Sterba stated that the Graduate School recruiting schedule is currently being finalized and is also posted online. If your program has any materials that you would like distributed at fairs, please send them to her.

Dr. Sterba stated that Graduate School Orientation had almost 100% attendance by all new students.

Report from the Graduate Student Association

Mr. Kim stated that some of our GSA goals for the year are as follows:

1. Promote among its members fellowship: We want to give every graduate student the opportunity to participate in the organizing of events this year. If students have great ideas or projects they want to lead, we're here to help them. If they have a skill, talent, or resources they want to share, we need them. Most importantly, we want their participation.
2. Sharing of ideas in research and teaching: We have established a Teaching Opportunities and Communication Committee.
3. Service project: We believe it is important to give back to the community.
4. Faculty involvement: Create opportunities for interaction with the faculty.
5. Graduate Student Council: a Council consisting of representatives from each of the 18 Graduate School programs. We will meet quarterly to share ideas and concerns, and build solidarity. Mr. Kim asked the Graduate Council members for suggestions on nominating students to represent the 18 programs. Dr. McGehee suggested that they ask the Program Directors and Dr. Beneš suggested asking the students from each Program to nominate a representative.

Mr. Kim announced that a welcome back cookout was held August 14th with more than fifty people in attendance including faculty. Food was provided.

1. Old Business
None
2. New Business

Dr. Abraham made a motion that Dr. Helen Beneš serve as Chair of Graduate Council for 2010-11. Graduate Council approved this motion.

Committees were formed by each member volunteering to serve. Each committee will meet and select a chair. The committees include:

Faculty Committee

Dr. Rosalia Simmen, COM

Dr. Edathara Abraham, COM

Ms. Terri Hutton, CHRP

Dr. Alexei Basnakian, COM

Dr. Alesia Ferguson, COPH

The committee will contact the College of Nursing and College of Pharmacy for a representative from their college.

Curriculum Committee

Ms. Becky Butler, CHRP

Dr. Kumada Das, COM

Dr. Julia Goodwin, CON

Dr. Tyrone Borders, COPH

Dr. Wayne Gray, COM

The committee will contact the College of Pharmacy for a representative from their college.

Assessment Committee

Dr. Paul Gottschall, COM

Dr. Nicholas Hays, CHRP

Dr. Howard Hendrickson, COP

Dr. Steven Post, COM

Dr. Rebecca Krukowski, COPH

The committee will contact the College of Nursing for a representative from their college.

3. Reports from Committees

Assessment Committee – there was no report

Curriculum Committee – there was no report

Faculty Committee – there was no report

4. Announcements

Dr. Abraham announced that Dr. Dr. Kevin Raney was appointed the new department chair of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.