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Memorandum

Date: August 15, 2013

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

From: Dr. Alesia Ferguson, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2013

Members Present: Drs. Atcherson, Davidson, Fuhrman, Greene, Tilford, Post, Basnakian, Gray, Benes, Heo, Ferguson, Prather, Hendrickson, Wight, Dr. Phelps substituting for Dr. Crook, Ms. Becky Butler, and Ms. Emily Reichard

Members Absent: Dr. Tina Crook

Non-voting Members Present: Dr. McGehee

Non-voting Members absent: Dr. Sterba, Mr. McRoberts, Ms. Hamilton

Attendees: Ms. Pam McCullough

Dr. Ferguson called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The May 17, 2013 minutes were approved.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee welcomed Dr. Barbara Fuhrman who will represent the new Ph.D. program in Epidemiology. He announced that the program has enrolled its first student for the 2013 fall semester.

Dr. McGehee reported that the Graduate School will offer a new certificate program for enrolled Communication Sciences and Audiology students. Approval for the certificate is needed from the Joint Graduate Council.

Dr. McGehee stated that four representatives were needed for the Joint Graduate Council. Dr. Wayne Gray, Dr. Alesia Ferguson, Dr. Helen Benes, and Dr. Patty Wight volunteered.

Dr. McGehee reported that orientation for new students was well attended. He also reported that Dr. Jeanne Heard has been appointed Provost and that he will now report to both Dr. Heard and the Chancellor, Dr. Rahn.

Report from the Graduate Student Association

Emily Reichard reported that the new GSA officers held their first meeting on August 13th to discuss orientation and to plan the first activity which will be held at Lake Ouachita on September 7th. The GSA is also discussing ideas to encourage more students to participate in the GSA sponsored activities.

3. Committees Report

Dr. McGehee stated that there would no longer be a need for the Assessment Committee since ADHE has mandated external reviews. He also stated that the Graduate Council bylaws would need to be amended to reflect this change at the faculty meeting in the spring of 2014.

Dr. McGehee made the following committee assignments:

2013-2014

Faculty Committee: Dr. Mari Davidson, Dr. Paul Greene, Dr. Mick Tilford, Dr. Steven Post, Dr. Seongkum Heo, Dr. Tina Crook, Dr. Paul Prather, Dr. Patty Wight

Curriculum Committee: Dr. Samuel Atcherson, Dr. Barbara Fuhrman, Ms. Becky Butler, Dr. Alexei Basnakian, Dr. Wayne Gray, Dr. Helen Benes, and Dr. Howard Hendrickson.

Dr. Mick Tilford proposed a program name change. He stated that the Health Systems Research program would be renamed to the Health Systems and Services Research. Dr. McGehee stated that a letter of notification to ADHE would suffice.

Academic Senate

Dr. Howard Hendrickson reported on the Academic Senate. The Chancellor asked for a sample of faculty from the Academic Senate Council who are representative of the campus to meet with him and part of his Cabinet. About 12 representatives will meet with the Chancellor on October 7th. The Academic Council plans to meet prior to that date and prepare a list of common goals. The Chancellor requested feedback on the possibility of awarding one faculty member the Chancellor Teaching Award rather than awarding several faculty members. The Academic Senate Faculty Affairs committee is putting together recommendations for the requirements for the Chancellor's Teaching Award.