

**Date: March 1, 2010**

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

**From: Ms. Terri Hutton, Chair**

**Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2010**

Members Present: Drs. Abraham, Cranmer, Das, Gottschall, Greene, Hays, Hinson, Mays, Simmen, Soderberg, Mr. Haas, Dr. Davies substituting for Dr. Benes and Dr. McMillan- Crow substituting for Dr. Gottschall.

Members Absent: Dr. Benes, Goodwin, Gottschall, Hendrickson, Wessinger and Ms. Reynolds.

Non-voting Members Present: Mr. Jackie McRoberts, Dr. Kristen Sterba and Ms. Pam McCullough substituting for Ms. Pattie Hamilton

Non-voting Members Absent: Dr. Robert McGehee and Ms. Pattie Hamilton

Attendees: Dr. Madan Dey, UAPB Aquaculture Program

Ms. Hutton called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

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

2. Administrative Items

In Dr. McGehee's absence, Jackie McRoberts reported there were two new Graduate School Inter-College Cross Listed (GSIC) courses submitted for approval. The courses are a College of Pharmacy course, PPHR 3612 Drug Information and a College of Public Health course, PBHL 5133 Introduction to Health Behavior and Health Education. The courses were approved.

Mr. McRoberts stated Marshals were needed for Commencement. The following faculty volunteered:

Ph.D. Marshal	Dr. Glen Mays
M.S. Marshal	Dr. Kathy Shapley
Up Ramp Marshal	Dr. David Davies

### Report from Dr. Sterba

Dr. Sterba announced the Graduate School is sponsoring a viewing of the documentary Naturally Obsessed: The Making of a Scientist, on Wednesday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Rayford Auditorium. All graduate students and faculty are invited to attend.

Dr. Sterba stated applications for the UAMS Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity program are being accepted. Dr. Sterba anticipates positions for five or six students who will begin June 2010.

### Report from Graduate Student Association

In Ms. Reynolds absence, Dr. Sterba reported the recent paintball event was well attended. The GSA continues to sponsor donut Wednesday.

#### 1. Old Business

None

#### 2. New Business

Dr. Soderberg requested the practice of microfilming dissertations be reconsidered. He asked if there is still a need for microfilming and inquired as to how other institutions archive dissertations. It was suggested that Dr. McGehee would be better able to address this issue at the next meeting.

#### 3. Reports from Committees

Assessment Committee – Dr. Das reported the Communication Sciences and Disorders Doctoral program is relatively new (3 years), therefore no assessment will be required. The Communicative Disorders Master of Science program recently underwent a national accreditation site visit. As soon as the department receives its final approval letter and provides that for the Graduate Council, it will suffice for the Committee's assessment cycle. The Interdisciplinary Toxicology program will submit their report in the Fall, Clinical Nutrition has not submitted a report and Microbiology and Immunology and Neurobiology and Developmental Sciences programs have submitted their reports.

Curriculum Committee – Mr. Haas reported the Committee reviewed one course NBDS 5161, Neuronal Signals. The Committee requested revisions on the application.

Faculty Committee – Dr. Soderberg reported the Committee met and recommended two applications be approved for Dr. Melanie MacNicol and Dr. Damir Herman, both from Neurobiology and Developmental Sciences. The Council approved these recommendations.

#### 4. Announcements

The meeting adjourned at 4:25.