

Date: March 30, 2009

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

From: Ms. Terri Hutton, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2009

Members Present: Drs. Abraham, Benes, Chowdhury, Das, Greene, Hendrickson, Hinson, Paniagua, Soderberg, Wessinger, Mr. Bruce Haas, Ms. Kimberly Reynolds and Ms. Amanda Dawson substituting for Dr. Hays.

Members Absent: Drs. Cranmer, Gottschall, Hays, and Mays.

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

Non-voting Members Absent: Dr. Kristen Sterba

Attendee: None

Ms. Hutton called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

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

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee reminded Graduate Council members to ask their programs to send student publications and awards to Dr. Sterba for the Spring Reception.

Dr. McGehee announced dates of upcoming events including the Graduate Faculty Meeting on April 6 at 3:00 in the Rayford Auditorium, the Spring Reception on April 27 at 3:00 in the Helen Guinn Adams Atrium, Summer Registration April 20 through May 1 and Commencement and Brunch on May 16.

Dr. McGehee announced there are two commitments for Fall 2009 for the IMSD grant for underrepresented minority students and there may be others.

Dr. McGehee congratulated Mr. Bruce Haas on the successful outcome of the Genetic Counseling site visit.

Report from Dr. Sterba

Dr. Sterba was absent. There was no report.

Report from Graduate Student Association

Ms. Reynolds reported the GSA is considering another movie night in April. Similar to last time, students will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite movie. Pizza, candy and cokes will be provided. Ms Reynolds reported that doughnuts will be available every other week until the end of May. Ms. Reynolds reported the GSA is planning a Spring Canoe trip or renting an island on the lake. The activity will depend on the cost. The tentative date is scheduled for May 2, 2009.

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

None

3. Reports from Committees

Assessment Committee – Dr. Das reported the Committee did not meet. The Committee will meet after receiving a copy of the accreditation report from the Audiology and Speech Pathology program.

Faculty Committee – Dr. Soderberg reported the Committee recommended one faculty application, Dr. Dana Gonzales, Clinical Nutrition for approval. The Council approved this recommendation.

Curriculum Committee –Dr. Paniagua reported the Committee met online and recommended one new course, Tobacco Use and Obesity, HPPR 9633 for the Health Promotion and Prevention Research program for approval. Dr. Paniagua reported the Committee recommended two course changes for approval which included a title and description change in INTX 5123 from Molecular and Translational Toxicology II to Systems Toxicology, and a title and description change in INTX 5113 from Molecular and Translational Toxicology I to Molecular Foundations of Toxicology. The Council approved these recommendations. Dr. Paniagua reported the Committee revised the Course Approval Form. Copies will be reviewed in the Graduate School Office and then distributed to Graduate Council members. The revisions were tabled until the next meeting.

Graduate Student Research Funds – Ms. Hutton reported in Dr. Hays absence that the Committee did not meet. The revised applications from the last application cycle are still in review, so no updates are available.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28.