

Date: November 23, 2009

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

From: Ms. Terri Hutton, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2009

Members Present: Drs. Benes, Cranmer, Das, Goodwin, Gottschall, Hays, Hinson, Mays, Soderberg, Wessinger, Mr. Haas, Ms. Reynolds, and Dr. Said substituting for Hendrickson.

Members Absent: Drs. Abraham, Greene, Hendrickson and Simmen.

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

Non-voting Members Absent: None

Attendees: Drs. Peter Perschbacker and Madan Dey, UAPB Aquaculture Program and Dr. Marie Chow.

Ms. Hutton called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 8, 2009 meeting were approved.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee reported on budget cuts which include GSRF and student travel funding. Dr. McGehee stated he made cuts that would have a minimal impact on the Graduate School and students. Dr. McGehee reported he would continue to support terminal semester students traveling to National meetings as funding is available. Dr. McGehee announced he met with Dr. Dan Rahn, the new Chancellor at UAMS, Dr. McGehee described Dr. Rahn as very supportive of Graduate Education. Dr. McGehee announced the Holiday Reception will be held December 7 from 3:00-4:30 in the Helen Guinn Adams atrium of Biomed I. Dr. McGehee congratulated Mr. Bruce Haas on the first two Genetic Counseling graduates passing their accreditation board exams.

Report from Dr. Sterba

Dr. McGehee began Dr. Sterba's report by stating Career Day was a success with over 115 attendees. Of those attending, 67 were undergraduate faculty or students. Dr. McGehee thanked Dr. Sterba, Dr. Lee Ann MacMillan-Crow and Dr. Dana Gaddy for putting together a great schedule. Dr. McGehee stated they also worked with graduate students and Creative Services to develop recruitment videos featuring current graduate students.

Dr. Sterba reported the videos will be featured on the Facebook site and the UAMS Graduate School blog and will also be used at recruitment seminars. Dr. Sterba thanked all who volunteered at Career Day.

Report from Graduate Student Association

Ms. Reynolds reported the next GSA Movie Night is November 19, 2009. The movie chosen is The Hangover. Pizza, soda, and candy will be provided. Ms. Reynolds announced future GSA event possibilities which include two more movie nights, a bowling tournament, a canoe trip, ladies' night at The Looney Bin (comedy club) in December, and paintball at Paintball AR in January.

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

None

3. Reports from Committees

Assessment Committee – Dr. Das reported the committee did not meet but the Microbiology and Immunology assessment has been received. The Committee will review the assessment and report to Graduate Council at a later date.

Curriculum Committee – Mr. Haas reported the Committee reviewed and recommended three courses NBDS 5033, Basic Neuroscience, INTX 6653, Clinical Toxicology, and PHSC 5393, Patient-Reported Outcomes Measures, for approval. The Council approved these recommendations.

Faculty Committee – Dr. Soderberg reported the Committee met and recommended an application be approved for Dr. Samuel Mackintosh, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. The Council approved this recommendation.

4. Announcements

Dr. Wessinger announced applications for Teaching with Technology are available.

Ms. Hutton reported the site visit for the Audiology and Speech Pathology Program ended and the program received a positive report from the site visitors.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28.