

**Date: September 22, 2009**

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

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

**Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2009**

Members Present: Drs. Cranmer, Das, Goodwin, Gottschall, Hendrickson, Hinson, Simmen, Soderberg, Wessinger and Mr. Haas.

Members Absent: Drs. Abraham, Benes, Greene, Hays, Mays, and Ms. Reynolds

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

Non-voting Members Absent: None

Attendee: Dr. Peter Perschbacher, UAPB Aquaculture Program

Ms. Hutton called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 20, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee reminded Graduate Council members the Research Induction Ceremony will be held on September 28 with the Fall Reception following the ceremony.

Dr. McGehee announced the University Board of Trustees met and approved the Graduate School Occupational and Environmental Health Certificate program. The approval was sent to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

Dr. McGehee stated the Aquaculture Ph.D. Program at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff was also recommended for approval. The recommendation was sent to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education for review.

Dr. McGehee announced the first Program Director's meeting was held and went very well.

### Report from Dr. Sterba

Dr. Sterba reported registration for Career Day is open until October 1 and students may register on the Graduate School website.

Dr. Sterba announced she scheduled additional recruiting trips and all of her trips are listed on the Graduate School website.

### Report from Graduate Student Association

In Ms. Reynolds absence, Dr. McGehee reported the GSA will sponsor their first movie night soon and will serve free pizza and soft drinks. Dr. McGehee stated the Lake Ouachita trip sponsored by the GSA was well attended.

Dr. McGehee stated when the GSA sponsors doughnut Wednesday donuts will be available in Admin West for students on the west side of campus.

Dr. McGehee announced that Genetic Counseling student, Kali Chatham is organizing a race for the purpose of collecting shoes for children in El Salvador. Graduate students were sent an email regarding the "Soles for Salud" program. An organizational meeting was held and more information will be coming soon. The only requirement for entering the race is to donate a pair of shoes for this cause.

#### 1. Old Business

Committee formation is complete and a list of members will be distributed to all Graduate Council members (see attached).

#### 2. New Business

None

#### 3. Reports from Committees

Assessment Committee – Dr. Das reported the Committee met and elected him Chair of the committee.

Faculty Committee – Dr. Soderberg reported the Committee met and elected him Chair of the Committee. The Committee met and recommended five Graduate Faculty applications be approved. The applicants are Dr. Lawrence Carter, Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences; Dr. J. Craig Forrest, Microbiology and Immunology; Dr. Sami Harik and Dr. Eric Peterson, Pharmacology; and Dr, Rebecca Krukowski, Health Promotion and Prevention Research. The Council approved these recommendations.

Curriculum Committee –Mr. Haas reported the Committee elected him Chair of the committee.

Dr. Peter Perschbacher thanked Dr. McGehee and the Graduate Council on behalf of the Aquaculture Program for their assistance in reviewing faculty applications for the program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Graduate Council Committees  
2009-10

**Faculty**

Chair- Lee Soderberg - COM  
Jack Hinson - COM  
Nicholas Hays – CHRP  
Dave Wessinger –COM  
Paul Greene – COPH  
Rosalia Simmen – COM  
Elaine Souder - CON non GC representative  
Dwight Pierce - COP non GC representative

**Curriculum**

Chair- Bruce Haas - CHRP  
Helen Benes- COM  
Morris Cranmer – COPH  
Julia Goodwin – CON  
Edathara Abraham – COM  
Qayyim Said - COP non GC representative

**Assessment**

Chair- Kumada Das - COM  
Howard Hendrickson – COP  
Paul Gottschall- COM  
Glen Mays – COPH  
Cathy Cole- CON non GC representative  
GSA, Kim Reynolds