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Memorandum

Date: May 17, 2013

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

From: Dr. Alesia Ferguson, Chair



5/17/13

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes-May 16, 2013

Members Present: Drs. Basnakian, Benes, Goodwin, Gray, Post, Prather, Simmen, Tilford, Mr. Adam Brown, Ms. Hutton substituting for Dr. Atcherson, Mr. Haas substituting for Ms. Butler and Dr. Phelps substituting for Dr. Crook..

Members Absent: Dr. Abraham, Atcherson, Crook, Hendrickson, Simmen and Ms. Butler.

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

Non-voting Members Absent: None

Attendees: None

Dr. Ferguson called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The February 21, 2013 minutes were approved.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee reported that Dr. Katherine Stewart is leaving COPH.

Dr. McGehee stated the Graduating Student and Faculty reception was well attended and a huge success. Dr. McGehee stated Dr. Sterba will poll the faculty and students who attended this year to help determine whether the reception or brunch should be done in the future. Another option may be to seek funding for both.

Dr. McGehee stated that Commencement went well and that Governor Beebe did a stellar job. There were 5 MD/PhD graduates this year which is a record.

Dr. McGehee reported that Julie Moretz was hired for IPE and hospital patient care and that Ms. Lori Dean reported on IPE during the last Program Director's meeting. More information will be given when available.

Dr. McGehee stated there will be a site visit for the IMSD program. The grant is up for renewal this year.

Report from Dr. Sterba

Dr. Sterba reported the GSTCA symposium will be Tuesday, May 21 and has 41 registrants including post docs.

Dr. Sterba stated there was a Career Seminar on May 3 and she expects to have another one in the Fall.

Dr. Sterba reported she is starting a Graduate School Student Ambassador program which will be featured on the website. The students in the program will correspond with incoming students and assist with student tours.

Dr. Sterba stated she will start some webinars this fall using Blackboard Collaborate.

Report from the Graduate Student Association

- GSA Elections have just been completed for the 2013/2014 school year. Newly-elected officers are as follows: Trey Lowery, president; Serra Ucer, vice president; Emily Reichard, secretary; Wezley Griffin, treasurer; Daniel Sappington, recycling; Kevin Howk, recycling; Lee Ann King, ASG Rep; Archana Kamalakar, ASG Rep; Anisha Rathi, ASG Rep.
- The GSA Habitat for Humanity Deconstruction project was completed on March 9.
- The Graduate School Crawfish Boil was Friday, May 10.
- The Graduate School Canoe trip will be on June 1. Reservations are open to students, faculty, and guests and are \$15 per person. Fifty total spots are reserved and are all taken.

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

None

3. Reports from Committees

Faculty- in Dr. Abraham's absence, Dr. Benes reported the Faculty Committee recommended two applications for approval, Anita Mitchell, Nursing Science Program and Dr. Ayako Suzuki, Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences. The Graduate Council approved the recommendations.

Curriculum- Dr. Gray reported there were no course approval forms for review.

Assessment- Dr. Post stated there was nothing to report. Dr. McGehee stated the dissertation regulation revisions are tabled until he meets with the Library personnel in June.

Academic Senate- Nothing to report.

4. Announcements- None

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.