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

From: Dr. Alesia Ferguson, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2013



10/4/2013

Members Present: Drs. Davidson, Fuhrman, Greene, Post, Basnakian, Gray, Benes, Heo, Ferguson, Prather, Hendrickson, Wight, Crook, Ms. Lori Dean substituting for Ms. Becky Butler, and Ms. Emily Reichard

Members Absent: Drs. Atcherson and Tilford, Ms. Becky Butler

Non-voting Members Present: Dr. McGehee and Dr. Sterba

Non-voting Members absent: Mr. McRoberts, Ms. Hamilton

Attendees: Ms. Pam McCullough

Dr. Ferguson called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The August 15, 2013 minutes were approved.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee reported that the Auditory Based Intervention certificate for master of science Communications and Disorders students and Audiology doctoral students was unanimously approved by the Joint Graduate Council. New UALR Joint Graduate Council members are Dr. Yupo Chan, Dr. Laura Smoller, and Dr. Marc Seigar.

Dr. McGehee would like to make available to Graduate School students an online certificate course entitled 'Understanding and Improving the U.S. Healthcare System'. The course is offered by the University of Michigan, is tuition-free, and would meet the requirements for the program's special topics course.

Dr. McGehee reminded everyone that the Research Induction ceremony is Monday, September 23rd and asked all participants to arrive 20 minutes early. He also encouraged everyone to attend International Fest on September 27th. The event is held every year in conjunction with the Office of Diversity Affairs. Dr. McGehee discussed developing interaction between UAMS and UAPB's Aquaculture and Fisheries program, by attending a seminar on September 25th. Dr. Trace Peterson, a specialist in zebrafish care and research, would be presenting the seminar in Biomed II, Rayford auditorium.

Dr. McGehee stated that the Graduate School is awaiting the renewal decision for the Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD) program. He recently returned from Jackson State University where he received the Visionary Leadership award.

Report from Dr. Sterba

- Dr. Sterba reported that she has posted the recruitment schedule for 2013 on the Graduate School web site along with a PowerPoint informational video for prospective students.
- She has also initiated the Graduate School Ambassadors program which will provide prospective students with opportunities to interact with current students. Information about the program has been posted on the Graduate School web site.
- The Graduate Student Teachers of Central Arkansas will hold an informational meeting on September 30th.
- Dr. Lydia MacDonald, Assistant Dean in the College of Public Health, has scheduled a seminar on October 7th entitled "Generation on a Tightrope" and will schedule a second seminar in November.
- On September 13th, a Fellowship panel was held and four Graduate School students discussed how the application process for fellowships works.
- "A Place at the Table", a DVD screening co-sponsored by the Graduate School and the College of Health Professions, is scheduled for September 24th at 5:00 p.m. in Rayford auditorium.
- Career Day will be on October 17th. The registration deadline is October 3rd. Dr. Sterba reported that 15 undergraduate students, 40 graduate students, 5 post docs, 1 UAMS faculty member, and 1 undergraduate faculty member for a total of 62 registrants so far. A Myers-Briggs Type Indicator workshop will be held in conjunction with Career Day.

Report from Graduate Student Association

Emily Reichard reported that the GSA back-to-school picnic was held on September 7, 2013 with more than twenty attending. The next GSA meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2013. They will begin planning the marathon team, a pizza night at Vino's for the end of October or early November and a Habitat for Humanity volunteer day this fall.

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

None

3. Reports from Committees

a. Curriculum Committee

The committee recommended approving the following courses:

EPI 5493 Clinical Epidemiology	EPI 9583 Public Health Preparedness
EPI 5671 Epidemiology III Lab	EPI 9863 Molecular Epidemiology
EPI 5673 Epidemiology III	EPI 9883 Basic Lab Methods
EPI 5862 Epidemiology I Lab	HPPR 9011 Public Health Research & Practice I
EPI 9042 Principles and Practice of Public Health Surveillance	HPPR 9021 Public Health Research & Practice II
EPI 9094 Cohort Studies	HPPR 9031 Public Health Research & Practice III
EPI 9142 Advanced Epidemiologic Methods Laboratory	PCOL 6203 Systems Therapeutics
EPI 9143 Advanced Epidemiological Methods	PHSC 5191 Pharmaceutical Evaluation & Policy Seminar
EPI 9183 Psychiatric Epidemiology	

NUSC 6271 Leadership in Healthcare Systems – course description changed

The Graduate Council approved the above curriculum recommendations.

b. Faculty Committee

The committee recommended approving the following applications for Graduate School faculty status:

Dr. Karen Abbott, Biochemistry	Dr. Barbara Fuhrman, Epidemiology
Dr. Jia Liu, Microbiology and Immunology	Dr. Dirk Haselow, Epidemiology
Ms. Shobana Kubendran, Genetic Counseling	Dr. Sharp Malak, Epidemiology
Dr. Appathurai Balamurugan, Epidemiology	Dr. Erik Messias, Epidemiology
Dr. Victor Cardenas, Epidemiology	Dr. Leonard Mukasa, Epidemiology
Dr. Robert Delongchamp, Epidemiology	Dr. Richard Owen, Epidemiology
Dr. Mohammed ELFaramawi, Epidemiology	Dr. Martha Phillips, Epidemiology
Dr. Lori Fischbach, Epidemiology	Dr. Namvar Zohoori, Epidemiology
Dr. Ellen Fischer, Epidemiology	

The Graduate Council approved the above faculty recommendations.

The following faculty applications were tabled pending further information:

Dr. Cheryl Ledoux, Epidemiology	Dr. Mohammed Orloff, Epidemiology
Dr. William Mason, Epidemiology	Dr. Theresa Prewitt, Epidemiology
Dr. Bridget Mosley, Epidemiology	

4. Academic Senate Report

Dr. Howard Hendrickson reported on the Academic Senate. The Chancellor and Cabinet will meet with 12 faculty members from the Academic Senate, and others selected from around campus, on October 7th to discuss how to address faculty issues. According to a recent faculty survey, there are three issues that are common to faculty across all colleges:

1. Recognition and credit for teaching
2. Communication between colleges
3. The lack of an appropriate mechanism for mentoring faculty

A full Senate meeting is scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on October 10th. A report from the meeting with the Chancellor on October 7th is expected.

5. Announcements

Dr. McGehee announced that the October Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for the same day as Career Day, October 17th. It was decided that the council would not meet in October and resume meeting in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.