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Date: October 24, 2014
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Sam Atcherson, Chair 
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes-October 16, 2014

Members Present: Drs. Sam Atcherson, Helen Benes, Gunnar Boysen, Tina Crook, Mari Davidson, Holly Felix, Barbara Fuhrman, Howard Hendrickson, Seongkum Heo, Andy James, Eric Peterson, Paul Prather, Dan Voth, Patty Wight, Ms. LeeAnn King and Ms. Tiffany Lepard

Members Absent: Dr. Leavonne Pulley

Non-voting Members: Drs. Robert McGehee and Kristen Sterba

Attendee: Ms. Regina Dennis

The August, 2014 minutes were approved.

Administrative items

Dr. McGehee mentioned that the Research Induction Ceremony went well and Career Day is upcoming. The basic science departments are moving forward after their summer retreat with a unified admissions process and centralized curriculum. This will begin fall 2016.

Dr. McGehee also updated the council on the request to ask for a plus/minus grading scheme for the Graduate School in the new system. The system has been configured to match the current state, and the Graduate School alone could not change to a plus/minus grading scheme. Dr. Hendrickson will bring the idea of a plus/minus grading scheme for all of UAMS before the Academic Senate. If they are supportive they can bring the matter to Jeanne Heard.

LeeAnn King reported from the GSA that the back to school picnic went well. They have a Playtime Pizza social event coming up and a Graduate School Symposium is in the planning stages for January or February.

Dr. Sterba reported that we currently have over 250 registrants for Career Day. The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and Arkansas State University both are bringing large groups. The GUS/SIS admissions go-live has been delayed, so normal admissions processes for fall 2015 will be followed. Dr. McGehee suggested a program directors meeting regarding this.

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Dr. Paul Prather reported from the Faculty Committee. There were ten Graduate Faculty applications. Six were for the Genetic Counseling program and were approved by Dr. McGehee. The remaining four (Drs. Pamela Williams, Keneshia Bryant, Patricia Wright, and Lin Song) were approved with no dissent.

Dr. Howard Hendrickson reported from the Curriculum Committee. There were 23 course applications and changes. The Genetic Counseling changes were approved by Dr. McGehee. All others were approved with no discussion: ANAT 6103, HPPR 9051, IBSD 6301 and NUSC 6271. Dr. Hendrickson made the request that even if there are no prerequisites for a course, please list "none" for simplicity.

Dr. Benes reported from the Academic Senate. Dr. Alesia Ferguson is the new chairman elect and Dr. Danny Bercher is now parliamentarian. Dr. Benes also reported on the Life Cycle initiative, which is a faculty development center (from mentoring through retirement).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.