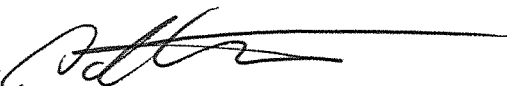


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Date: March 19, 2015
To: Members of UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Sam Atcherson 
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2015

Members Present: Drs. Atcherson, Benes, Hendrickson, Crook, Prather, Wight, Voth, Peterson, Davidson, Heo, Boysen, Felix, Fuhrman and Ms. Tiffany Lepard

Non-voting Members Present: Dr. McGehee

Non-voting Members Absent: Dr. Sterba

Attendees: Ms. Pam McCullough

Dr. Atcherson called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were approved pending revisions.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee reported that the Graduate Student Association held the inaugural GSA Research Symposium on March 16th and it was very successful. A total of 30 abstracts were submitted and 10 were selected for oral presentations. The spring reception will be held on Thursday, April 5th and email notices were sent requesting award information.

3. Committee Reports

a. Curriculum Committee

Inter-professional Education

The committee met to discuss the UAMS IPE (Inter-professional Education) Curriculum Planner (version 1-29-15) that was distributed at the last Graduate Council meeting, February 19, 2015. Howard Hendrickson introduced the topic, giving some

history on the development of IPE at UAMS. Other members then commented on the Planner itself. The committee voted to recommend to the Graduate Council that the IPE Curriculum Planner, as currently proposed, cannot be accepted. The committee also voted to recommend to the Graduate Council that the IPE Steering Committee redesign the proposed plan with representative input from the Graduate School basic science programs. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations. The Council voted to approve both recommendations and a discussion followed.

Health Sciences Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Program

The committee also reviewed the Health Sciences Innovation and Entrepreneurship (HSIE) training program. Directed by Dr. Nancy Rusch, the HSIE program will address the need to train graduate students and postdoctoral fellows for careers in nonacademic settings, including industry and regulatory agencies. The committee recommended that the Council approve the two-year certificate program. A motion was made and seconded. The council voted to approve the program.

b. Faculty Committee – No report

4. Academic Senate Report

Dr. Benes reported that the Research Committee surveyed 95 animal users in response to faculty concerns regarding the time-consuming IACUC compliance requirements. The Research Committee will discuss the survey results at a later date. The Faculty Affairs committee is dealing with a tenure policy issue. The Council will meet with Chancellor Rahn and request the deletion of the statement ‘Tenure does not guarantee a specific job description, a specific salary, or specific employee benefits.’ from Tenure policy 2.3.2. The progress of the Faculty Development Center was also discussed.

5. Announcements

The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.