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Date: May 21, 2015
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Sam Atcherson, Chair 
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes-May 21, 2015

Members Present: Drs. Helen Benes, Gunnar Boysen, Mari Davidson, Howard Hendrickson, Seongkum Heo, Eric Peterson, Josh Phelps (for Tina Crook), Paul Prather, and Patty Wight

Members Absent: Andy James, Barbara Fuhrman, Dan Voth, Holly Felix, Leavonne Pulley, and Ms. Tiffany Lepard

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

Attendee: Ms. Regina Dennis

Dr. Atcherson called the meeting to order.

The April, 2015 minutes were approved pending revisions.

Administrative items

Dr. McGehee reported that 2015 Commencement and all Convocations went well. Institutional funding is at the lowest point since the 1990s but Graduate School students grant support is at an all-time high. Dr. Sterba reported that the IMSD grant has 4 students beginning study July 1 (2 Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences, 1 Interdisciplinary Toxicology, and 1 Pharmaceutical Sciences student). GUS admissions will go live June 29 for students applying for Fall 2016 and beyond. Spring and Summer 2016 applicants will still use the old application system. Student Records is on track converting records.

Reports from Committees

Curriculum Committee

No formal changes this month.

Faculty Committee

Two candidates were presented this month for Graduate Faculty consideration, Drs. Elvin Price and Rafaela Feresin. The faculty committee recommended approval for both, and the council approved the recommendation.

Old Business

Dr. McGehee and Dr. Jennings met with the Department Chairs regarding the Interprofessional Education document (IPE). The Chairs felt this decision should be left with the Graduate Council. Drs. McGehee and Jennings also met with Drs. Lee Wilbur and Kat O'Neill regarding this issue.

The Graduate Council needs to elect a new Faculty Senate Representative to replace Dr. Helen Benes who is completing her second year of serving in that role.

Announcements

Dr. McGehee called a special Graduate Council meeting Thursday, May 28, 2015 to continue discussion and vote on the IPE mentioned above, and select a new Faculty Senate Representative.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.
