



Date: December 10, 2015
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Sam Atcherson, Chair
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2015

Members Present: Drs. Josh Phelps (for Tina Crook), Patricia Wight, Eric Peterson, Seongkum Heo, Paul Prather, Antino Allen and Mr. Wezley Griffin

Members Absent: Drs. Dan Voth, Mark Mennemeier, Mari Davidson, Gunnar Boysen

Non-voting Members: Drs. Robert McGehee, Kristen Sterba, Ms. Allyson Douglass

Administrative Items:

Dr. McGehee reported that the Graduate Program in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences was going to be voted on by the UA Board of Trustees on Friday, November 20th. He anticipates that it will be approved.

Dr. McGehee is developing a standardized committee form for all graduate students.

This year's Career Day for Biomedical Sciences had the largest attendance ever. The speakers were also very well received. Dr. McGehee acknowledged his appreciation for Dr. Dana Gaddy who initially came up with the idea for Career Day. She recently moved to another institution.

Dr. McGehee shared that there are new Deans in the Colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy.

Dr. Sterba reminded the council that the Winter Reception will be held on December 3rd and that student achievements are due on 11/20. Classes should not be scheduled during this time period (3-5 pm.) so that students can attend the event.

Dr. Sterba updated the council on the GUS implementation. She shared that the Graduate School office is working hard to make the transition to the GUS admissions module as smooth as possible for faculty and staff. GUS is scheduled to go live for all modules on February 29, 2016. It will begin being used for the 2016-17 academic year.



Report from the Graduate Student Association:

The Graduate Student Association's annual Thanksgiving Potluck was a success. Wezley Griffin reported that the potluck had a higher participation and attendance than in previous. They also used judges from across campus to select the best side dishes and dessert.

The GSA will be hosting an open meeting for all graduate students on 12/4 from 4-6 p.m. to discuss any concerns that graduate students have. These concerns include increases in student fees.

The GSA will host a bake sale on 12/10, and Santa grams will be delivered on 12/10 and 12/11.

The GSA Symposium is tentatively scheduled for 2/19/16. The format will include a morning poster session and afternoon presentations.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Dr. McGehee stated that UAMS is exploring opening an onsite day care center.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

Faculty Committee:

Dr. Rodriguez-Arado was approved for graduate faculty status.

Academic Senate:

Dr. Andrew James discussed the Research Shared Services town hall.

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