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Date: August 29, 2016  
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty  
From: Dr. Eric Peterson, Chair   
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2016

Members Present: Drs. Patty Wight, Antino Allen, Mari Davidson, Seongkum Heo, Dan Voth, Andrew James, Melanie MacNicol (for Mark Mennemeier), Naveen Nagaraj, Joshua Phelps, William Fantegrossi, and Mr. Gregory Berbusse

Members Absent: Dr. Gunnar Boysen

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

**Administrative Items:**

Dr. McGehee welcomed the new members and returning members to Graduate Council for the 2016-2017 year.

He reported that there would be 2 new graduate programs brought to Graduate Council for approval this year. The new programs are a MS and PhD in Biomedical Informatics and a 1 year Master's program to prepare students for professional programs.

Dr. McGehee also shared that the Student Information System is live and students used it to register for fall courses.

Dr. Sterba stated that Career Day for Biomedical Sciences 2016 would be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> which is earlier than in previous years. The draft schedule was shared with the committee.

She also reminded the committee that the Research Induction Ceremony will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 20 students will be recognized for passing their candidacy exam prior to September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Sterba described the activities of the Graduate Student Teachers of Central Arkansas. The new student leadership team for the 2016-2017 year is Johnasha Stuart and Elizabeth Naglak. The GSTCA is holding a lunch meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> to talk to interested graduate students about the organization.



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### **Report from the Graduate Student Association:**

Gregory reported that the GSA had three events during Welcome Week for the Fall 2016 term. All events were well attended. The GSA held a welcome back event at Grumpy's, a Game Night, and a Pancake Breakfast on the first day of classes.

The GSA will be hosting their annual picnic on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Information will be sent out to students and faculty shortly.

He stated that the GSA would be holding fundraisers at Blaze Pizza on August 31<sup>st</sup> and at BJ's Brewhouse on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The GSA will also be organizing the annual GSA Symposium this fall instead of spring. The event will be held October 28<sup>th</sup> and judges will be needed.

Lastly, Gregory stated that the GSA has been collecting school supplies for areas that were flooded in south Louisiana. Tiffany Myles, a current graduate student, is from the area and would be taking them to a school affected by the floods. He informed the committee that he and Tiffany were interviewed by a local news station regarding this effort and an article was written by UAMS.

### **Old Business:**

Dr. Sterba reminded the committee which Interprofessional Education phases Graduate School students are required to complete. Graduate School students only need to complete the Exposure phase which consists of an Exposure workshop and a bridging activity. The Exposure workshop was presented the afternoon of Graduate School Orientation. Bridging activities will be held throughout the year. Dr. Sterba will be assisting with a bridging activity on October 20. The movie Outbreak will be shown with a discussion held afterwards.

Dr. Mari Davidson is on the IPE curriculum committee, and stated that she is working with the committee on other IPE phases to develop activities for graduate students.

Dr. Sterba also updated the committee on the GUS implementations and what functionality will be available in the future. She stated that there will be continued training for faculty to have access to various GUS functions.



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### **New Business:**

Committees were chosen for the 2016-17 year. They are:

#### Curriculum Committee:

Dr. Seongkum Heo, Chair

Dr. Mark Mennemeier

Dr. Naveen Nagaraj

Dr. William Fantegrossi

Dr. Gunnar Boysen

#### Faculty Committee:

Dr. Andrew James

Dr. Dan Voth

Dr. Patricia Wight

Dr. Mari Davidson, Chair

Dr. Antino Allen

### **Reports of Committees**

#### Curriculum Committee:

The following new courses were approved:

IBSD – Histopathology

PSGP – Practice in Drug Discovery and Development

BIOM – Fundamentals of Managing Research Data

BIOM – Special Topics in Biomedical Informatics

The following changes were approved:

BIOC 5109 – Change title to Methods in Biomedical and Translational Sciences

BIOC 5203 – Change title to Current Trends in Biomedical Sciences

PHYO 5051 – Change in course description

#### Faculty Committee:

The following faculty members were approved:

Dr. Dana Moser – Communication Science and Disorders

Dr. Ganesh Narayanasamy - Pathobiology



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Academic Senate:

Dr. Voth and the Academic Senate leadership will be meeting monthly with the provost. Dr. Voth invited all faculty to attend the academic senate meetings. Dr. Andrew James will continue in the Senate as the Graduate School representative for the 2016-2017 year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.