



Date: October 18, 2016
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Eric Peterson, Chair
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2016

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

Members Absent: Drs. Gunnar Boysen, Robert McGehee, and Dan Voth

Non-voting Members: Dr. Kristen Sterba, and Ms. Allyson Douglass

Administrative Items:

Dr. Sterba reminded the council that the Research Induction Ceremony would be on September 19th and to send her student awards to be recognized at the event.

She also stated that the IMSD External Advisory Committee would be on campus September 19th and 20th for their annual meeting and review.

Dr. Sterba shared that Career Day for Biomedical Sciences would be held on Thursday, October 6th which is two weeks earlier this year than usual. The event will feature 6 speakers, 3 of which are alumni.

She reminded the committee that the Winter Reception has been moved to December 8th.

Dr. Sterba stated that there is a new director of the Student Wellness Center, Dr. Thapa. She has met with him and they are developing a series of seminars for graduate students throughout the fall and spring semesters. The first seminar will be held this fall and will be on Mindfulness.

Dr. Sterba is working with the GSTCA and the group will have at least 2 educational seminars this fall.

Lastly, Dr. Sterba reminded the council that Spring 2017 courses should have been submitted by September 9 to OUR. She has forwarded the list of submitted courses to the Program Directors for review.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

Gregory updated the committee on GSA activities. The GSA had a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza and will be having an additional fundraiser at BJ's.



The GSA Symposium will be held on October 28. The GSA will be sending information out shortly regarding the symposium including a need for judges.

The GSA will be hosting their yearly picnic on September 27th at 12 at Maumelle Park.

Old Business:

Dr. Sterba updated the committee regarding IPE. The Graduate School has an IPE web page that explains the IPE requirement for graduate students. She tracks which activities students have completed when she receives that information from the IPE office, and she also notifies students that have not completed activities of upcoming opportunities.

Dr. Mari Davidson, a GRS IPE representative, stated that IPE has created the exposure workshop online for those who are not on the main campus so that they can complete that requirement. She shared examples of bridging activities which include movies with discussion afterwards, and these events are usually held twice a month. After viewing the movie and participating in a group discussion, students are required to write a reflection in Blackboard to be graded. The IPE leadership team hopes to recruit faculty to help grade reflections and will provide grading training. The office is developing an online tutorial to instruct faculty how to grade the reflections. The IPE office is also working on developing incentives for faculty to do this.

There is now an IPE tab in Blackboard for students and faculty.

New Business:

No new business.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

No new courses to approve at this time.

Faculty Committee:

The following faculty members were approved:

Dr. En Huang

Dr. Sang Hun Lee

Academic Senate:



Discussion regarding the smoking policy and not hiring those who smoke in the future is being discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.