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Date: November 9, 2016
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Eric Peterson, Chair 
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2016

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

Members Absent: Drs. Gunnar Boysen and William Fantegrossi

Non-voting Members: Ms. Regina Dennis

Administrative Items:

September's Graduate Council minutes were approved.

Dr. McGehee reported that 150 attendees were at this year's Career Day for Biomedical Sciences. Undergraduate students from 14 different institutions attended in addition to graduate students.

The Graduate School will sponsor a talk on "Mindfulness" on November 4. The Graduate School and GSTCA (Graduate Student Teachers of Central Arkansas) will be hosting seminars on November 14 and 28. The topics will be "The Global Classroom: Medical Education via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram" on the 14th and "Gaga for Google Docs" on the 28th. The Winter Reception will be held on December 8.

Dr. McGehee reminded faculty to use the online book store to select books for spring courses. Dr. Pettey said she has utilized this system and it works well.

Dr. McGehee reported that a search committee is being formed to find Dr. Rahn's replacement as he retires as Chancellor. There will be 4 UAMS employees among the 12-14 committee members and they will not be direct reports to the Chancellor. Only one will be a Board member.

*During the Academic Senate report, Dr. Voth reported that UA System President Bobbitt wants the Academic Senate involved in the search.

Dr. McGehee met with the new hospital CEO Dr. Turnage and it was an encouraging meeting. One of the topics they discussed was research resources.

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The TRI competitive renewal was resubmitted.

Dr. McGehee reported that the GPIBS program's first students started this fall.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

Gregory updated the committee on GSA activities. The GSA has raised \$175 so far in its fundraising activities.

The GSA Symposium will be held on October 28. They have received 30 abstracts and will select 10 to be presented orally. The remainder of the abstracts will be selected as poster presentations.

The GSA potluck and bake sale will be held later this semester. The potluck is scheduled for November 17.

Old Business:

Dr. Mari Davidson, a GRS IPE representative, stated that she is working to identify appropriate IPE opportunities for our students.

New Business:

No new business.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

There were 12 new courses for review. Dr. McGehee asked if there were any concerns from the Curriculum Committee or if they could be approved as a group. All courses were approved with no discussion.

- Dissertation Research
- Thesis Research
- Capstone Project
- Managing Organizations, People and Projects
- Healthcare in the United States
- Scientific Data Visualization
- Information Systems in Clinical Research
- Genomics and Metagenomics
- Clinical Research Informatics
- Introduction to Biomedical Informatics
- Methods in Biomedical Informatics
- Research Design in Biomedical Informatics



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Faculty Committee:

The following faculty members were approved for graduate faculty status:

Dr. Sufna John

Dr. Rupak Pathak

Dr. Keith Olsen

Academic Senate:

Dr. Voth encouraged all faculty members to please attend the upcoming Academic Senate meeting. Provost Stephanie Garner is attending and addressing the group regarding her vision for a new chancellor.

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

