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Date: December 6, 2017
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Eric Peterson, Chair 
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2017

Members Present: Drs. Antino Allen, William Fantegrossi, Karl Boehme, Joshua Phelps, Melanie MacNicol, Andrew James, Trish Wright, Boris Zybaylov, Gunnar Boysen, and Jerry Ware.

Members Absent: Drs. Naveen Nagaraj and Frank Simmen

Non-voting Members: Dr. Robert McGehee, Kristen Sterba, Greg Berbusse, and Allyson Douglass

Administrative Items:

Dr. McGehee stated that the faculty committee had voted and approved several new graduate school faculty members.

He shared information regarding a hiring freeze and changes in the budget process from the Chancellor's cabinet meeting. There will be no out of cycle salary increases and additional changes are to come.

He also praised the GSA on the success of the annual Thanksgiving potluck.

Dr. Sterba shared that the Winter Awards Reception will be held on December 7th in the HGA atrium from 3:00-4:30. She requested that the committee encourage faculty and students to send in any student national or regional awards as soon as possible for recognition. Any awards submitted late will be recognized at the Spring Awards Reception.

Dr. Sterba shared that she has access to a GUS report to review Interprofessional Education (IPE) activities completed by students. She will run this report and send the results to Program/Track Directors.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

Greg Berbusse shared that the Thanksgiving potluck was well attended.

The GSA is working on 1 or 2 fundraisers in the future, and Greg will share details when they are available.

Greg stated that the GSA Symposium went well, and the speaker (a student from Texas A&M) was very well received.



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The GSA is working on scheduling their next meeting and working on events for the Spring term.

Several GSA members are talking to legislators regarding the proposed taxes on tuition waivers.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Dr. Sterba shared that there are activities in some courses that count toward the IPE Exposure bridging activity requirement for graduation. She shared that all new students should have attended the IPE Exposure workshop held during orientation. Biomedical research students in the Scientific Communications and Ethics course completed the IPE Exposure bridging activity in that course. Students in other graduate programs would have to find an Exposure bridging activity to attend. The IPE office lists all activities on the IPE website.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

Allyson is sending the curriculum committee the link to review the proposed NPHD courses. The committee will e-vote on the courses.

Faculty Committee:

The committee and Council approved the following faculty:

Christie Arthur

Christine Bricker

Academic Senate:

Gunnar Boysen shared that there would be a town hall for the proposed changes to the Tenure Policy and encouraged the council to attend.

Adjourned at 4:50.