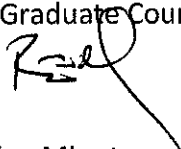




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Date: April 25, 2018
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Eric Peterson, Chair 
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2018

Members Present: Drs. Robert McGehee, Frank Simmen, Andrew James, Trish Wright, Boris Zybaylov, Gunnar Boysen, Antino Allen, Karl Boehme, Joshua Phelps, Melanie MacNicol, and Naveen Nagaraj.

Members Absent: Drs. William Fantegrossi and Jerry Ware.

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

Administrative Items:

Dr. McGehee shared with everyone that the Spring Reception will be held on May 3rd at 3pm in the Atrium in Biomed I. There are 30+ graduate this year. He also involved everyone to attend Commencement and the brunch which will be held at Embassy Suites at 10 am on May 19th. Commencement is that afternoon at 3:00 pm.

Dr. McGehee updated everyone on the Dean searches. A Dean for CHP should be named in the next two weeks. COPH is working on the announcement for the Dean of that college. Dr. McGehee is on the committee for that search.

Dr. McGehee is on the library committee and shared that there has been a lot of discussion regarding cutting certain journal subscriptions in the future due to library cut-backs on funding. The committee is having to take into consideration which journals are most expensive, etc. and is working on a plan to try to allow students and faculty to have access to this information and it be cost effective for UAMS.

Dr. Sterba shared that she would be giving a workshop on Crucial Conversations on April 23rd. GSTCA would also be hosting a presentation by the Office of Educational Development.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

Greg Berbusse shared that GSA Game Night is rescheduled for 4/26.

They have decided to change the canoe trip to every other year to save on funds.

New officers have been voted in and he will be sending their names to the Graduate School.



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He said that GSA is still working on the student speaker exchange with UT-Austin for this fall.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Dr. McGehee shared that Biomedical Informatics would be partnering with the Geospatial program at Fayetteville. UA Fayetteville has courses that would be beneficial for UAMS students and vice versa. Courses could begin in Fall 2018 (if so, REM will approve conditionally and they will be officially approved in August at Graduate Council Meeting). There could be 12+ courses for Fayetteville for the Fall term. Dr. McGehee said he would share more information as he knew it. They are currently working on the MOU.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

The committee voted to approve BMIG – CRI Synthesis and BMIG – Fundamentals of Managing Research Data.

Faculty Committee:

The committee and Council approved the following faculty:

Dr. Corey Nagel

Academic Senate:

Dr. Gunnar Boysen shared that the Senate had been fighting for tenure and promotion changes all year with the U of A Board. The U of A Board did take into consideration some of the changes that the Academic Senate requested, but not all. The next step will be giving faculty evaluations at UAMS as this is not done currently.

Academic Senate is also holding voting for a new president.

Adjourned at 4:39.