

Date: August 24, 2009

To: Members of UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty

From: Ms. Terri Hutton, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2009

Members Present: Drs. Abraham, Benes, Cranmer, Das, Goodwin, Gottschall, Greene, Hays, Hendrickson, Mays, Simmen, Soderberg, Wessinger, Mr. Haas, Ms. Reynolds and Dr. MacMillan-Crow substituting for Dr. Hinson.

Members Absent: Dr. Hinson

Non-voting Members Present: Dr. Robert McGehee, Mr. Jackie McRoberts Dr. Kristen Sterba and Ms. Pattie Hamilton

Non-voting Members Absent: None

Attendee: None

Ms. Hutton called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee welcomed everyone back and thanked them for their service on Graduate Council.

Dr. McGehee reported a change in date for next two Graduate Council meetings. Meetings will be held September 10 and October 8 due to a conflict in the original schedule.

Dr. McGehee announced the Clinical Nutrition Program (CNP) will be assessed this year by the American Dietetic Association (ADA), the accrediting body for their program. This year CNP is scheduled for assessment by the Assessment Committee of the Graduate Council and Dr. McGehee requested the Assessment Committee table any action until the CNP has completed activities with their accrediting organization.

Dr. McGehee reminded the Graduate Council members of the procedure for listing courses in other colleges as courses in the Graduate School. Dr. McGehee stated that the College of

Public Health course PBHL 5753 was added to Graduate School as GSIC 5753. The course title is Application of Microcomputers to Data. The course was approved.

Dr. McGehee announced dates to remember which include a Program Director's meeting which will be held on August 25 and the Research Induction Ceremony to be held September 30 in the IDW Education West building with the Fall Reception following in the Administration West building. Dr. Galen Wenger will be the speaker. There will be approximately 30 candidates this year.

Dr. McGehee thanked Dr. Sterba, Dr. Gaddy and Dr. MacMillan-Crow for their work on Career Day which will be held in the Institute on Aging on October 29. Speakers will include a FBI forensic scientist and an editor from Nature.

Dr. McGehee gave a brief update on the Aquaculture Ph.D. program at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The UA Board of Trustees will meet on September 4, 2009 to discuss the program.

Dr. McGehee announced Graduate Council Committee formation is needed. Committees were formed and each committee member will receive an email from the Graduate School regarding selecting a chair for each committee.

Report from Dr. Sterba

Dr. Sterba reported this year's Career Day will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2009. The program is currently being finalized. All programs are invited to participate in the graduate fair.

Dr. Sterba is planning her recruiting schedule for the fall. Dr. Sterba is currently scheduled to give one tour and two seminars. Dr. Sterba stated she will attend three graduate fairs and the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. Dr. Sterba stated additional recruiting visits are being planned and will be posted on the Graduate School Web site when finalized.

Dr. Sterba reminded everyone to read the UAMS Graduate School blog and visit our Web site for information on additional Graduate School activities.

Report from Graduate Student Association

Ms. Reynolds reported the GSA will sponsor a Welcome Back Picnic at East Cove Pavilion at the Mountain Harbor Resort on Lake Ouachita on August 22.

Ms. Reynolds announced the GSA will begin Doughnut Wednesdays on August 26 and will host them once a month.

Ms. Reynolds stated the GSA will host two movie nights per semester. These will take place in September, November, February and April.

Ms. Reynolds announced other new events may include comedy night at the Looney Bin on a Ladies Night Thursday and ballroom dancing (salsa, rumba, etc.) at [AR](#) Children's Hospital.

1. Old Business

[None](#)

2. New Business

[None](#)

3. Reports from Committees

Assessment Committee – Dr. Das reported the Committee will assess Neurobiology and Developmental Sciences, Microbiology and Immunology, and Interdisciplinary Toxicology this year.

Faculty Committee – No report

Curriculum Committee –No report

The meeting adjourned at 5:00.