

Date: May 18, 2012
To: Members of UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Helen Beneš, Chair
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2012

Members Present: Drs. Abraham, Basnakian, Borders, Crook, Ferguson, Goodwin, Gray, Krukowski, Post, Ms. Butler, Ms. Hutton, Ms. McDaniel and Dr. Pierce substituting for Dr. Hendrickson.

Members Absent: Drs. Gottschall, Hendrickson and Simmen

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

Non-voting Members Absent:

Attendees:

Dr. Beneš called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting were approved.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee stated that the Joint Graduate Council has reviewed and accepted the assessment report for the Communication Sciences and Disorders Ph.D. program. A letter will be sent to ADHE; the report is on file in the Graduate School Office.

Dr. McGehee discussed the assessment report for the Nursing Sciences Ph.D. program and asked the Graduate Council to accept the assessment report. The Council accepted the report and a letter will be sent to ADHE; the report is on file in the Graduate School Office.

Dr. McGehee recommended that the Graduate Council elect a chair for the next two years, rather than wait until the first meeting in the next academic year. The Graduate Council elected Dr. Alesia Ferguson, Associate Professor in Occupational and Environmental Health in the College of Public Health, as Chair.

Dr. McGehee reminded everyone of the Graduate School Brunch and Commencement on May 19, 2012 and asked that all try to attend.

Report from Dr. Sterba

Dr. Sterba stated the Teaching Symposium will be held May 22.

Report from the Graduate Student Association

Ms. McDaniel reported the following:

1. The GSA is currently conducting an election for officers for the Academic year 2012-13.
2. The Crawfish Boil was very successful and well attended.
3. The Canoe Trip will be June 2.

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

None

3. Reports from Committees

Assessment Committee – Dr. Crook reported the Committee hasn't met since the last Graduate Council meeting. Dr. McGehee agreed that updating the document describing formats for M.S. theses and Ph.D. dissertations should be continued in the fall, with the help of staff of the Graduate School and the appropriate staff in the UAMS Library.

Curriculum Committee – Dr. Gray stated there were no course forms for review.

Faculty Committee –Dr. Ferguson reported for Dr. Souder, Chair, there were no applications for review.

Academic Senate- Dr. Hendrickson wasn't in attendance.

4. Announcements

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.