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Memorandum

Date: January 18, 2013

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

From: Dr. Alesia Ferguson, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting ~~Minutes~~ January 18, 2013

Members Present: Drs. Abraham, Basnakian, Benes, Crook, Ferguson, Goodwin, Gray, Hendrickson, Post, Prather, Simmen, Tilford, Ms. Becky Butler and Mr. Adam Brown.

Members Absent: Drs. Atcherson and Krukowski

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

Non-voting Members Absent: None

Attendees: None

Dr. Ferguson called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The November 29, 2012 minutes were approved.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee reported the Epidemiology Ph.D. program will be sent to ADHE soon. Students in the program must have a MPH degree and the program will consist of 60-65 credit hours in addition to dissertation hours.

Dr. McGehee announced Commencement will be on May 12 at Verizon Arena at 3:00. Graduate School Commencement marshals will be Up-Ramp, Dr. Mick Tilford, M.S., Ms. Becky Butler and Ph.D., Dr. Julia Goodwin. Dr. McGehee announced the Brunch is cancelled this year due to Commencement being held on Mother's Day. He asked the members of the Graduate Council for suggestions regarding what to do for the graduates instead of the Brunch. Dr. McGehee suggested to have a reception at the Clinton Presidential Library for graduates and faculty.

Report from Dr. Sterba

- GSTCA speaker on January 14 Dr. Carol Thrush, Associate Professor in the UAMS Office of Educational Development, presented a seminar entitled "How to Engage Your Students and Promote Active Learning".
- GSTCA 2nd annual symposium scheduled for Tuesday, May 21. Contacting potential speakers now.

- Remind students to send me awards and publications for upcoming reception. An email reminder will go out next week.
- UAMS SURP to Increase Diversity in Research accepting applications. Deadline February 15.
- UAMS Initiative for Maximizing Student Development program accepting students for fall 2013 from PhD basic science programs. Contact Kristen Sterba for more information.

Report from the Graduate Student Association

- **End of Semester Party at Vino's** was very successful. Had about 50 graduate students from a variety of programs participate.
- **Marathon Team:** We have about 30 graduate students on the UAMS Marathon Team (roughly the same as last year). Faith McDaniel is in the process of trying to coordinate jersey sales to Med students.
- **GSA Officer Changes:** As of the New Year Adam Brown has stepped up as the new president, Sera Ucer has stepped up to fill the Vice Presidential position. Faith McDaniel will remain in charge of the Marathon Team and will be continue to attend ASG meetings (esp. concerning health insurance/clinic matters).
- **Next GSA meeting** will be on January 25th. We will discuss events for the upcoming semester, including: Habitat for Humanity Project, Crawfish Boil, Canoe Trip, and the Little Rock Marathon team.

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

None

3. Reports from Committees

Faculty- Dr. Abraham reported the Faculty Committee recommended four applications for approval, Ms. Melanie Baxter, Genetic Counseling, Dr. Jacob Painter, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dr. Ilias Kavouras, Occupational and Environmental Health, Dr. Venkay Yeruva, Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences. The Graduate Council approved the recommendations.

Curriculum- Dr. Gray reported the Curriculum Committee recommended one course approval form for PHSC 6043, Good Regulatory Practices for approval. The Graduate Council approved the recommendation.

Assessment- Dr. Post reported the Committee hasn't met. He asked Dr. McGehee about the Regulations for Thesis and Dissertation Preparations the Committee was asked to review last year. Dr. McGehee will meet with someone in the UAMS Library who can assist with corrections to the text of the regulations. Dr. Tilford will also send Dr. Post some wording from his Department to assist with wording on recommended inclusion of material for thesis work.

Academic Senate- Dr. Hendrickson reported the Senate is addressing the inequities between health insurance coverage for UAMS College of Medicine and other UAMS faculty.

4. Announcements- None

The meeting adjourned at 5:00.