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Date: August 21, 2014

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

From: Dr. Sam Atcherson, Chair 

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2014

Members Present: Drs. Helen Benes, Mari Davidson, Patty Wight, Sam Atcherson, Paul Prather, Gunnar Boysen, Barbara Fuhrman, Eric Peterson, Holly Felix, Tina Crook, Seongkum Heo, Dan Voth, Andy James

Members Absent: Drs. Howard Hendrickson, Leavonne Pulley, and Ms. Tiffany Lepard

Non-voting Members: Drs. Robert McGehee and Kristen Sterba, Mr. Jackie McRoberts

Attendee: Ms. Pam McCullough

The May, 2014 minutes were approved.

Administrative Items

Election of Chair - Dr. McGehee explained the responsibilities of the Graduate Council Chair and the Council elected Dr. Sam Atcherson.

Dr. McGehee discussed various events that have occurred since the last meeting in May. He announced that three Ph.D. programs, Epidemiology, Health Systems and Services Research, and Health Promotion and Prevention, will move to the College of Public Health. In addition two masters programs, Genetic Counseling and Communication Sciences and Disorders, will move to the College of Health Professions. The transition for all five programs will occur in August of 2015.

There are currently three students enrolled in College of Public Health Ph.D. programs who receive Graduate School scholarships. Dr. McGehee stated that the Graduate School will continue to honor the scholarships for the Ph.D. students.

Dr. McGehee announced several changes that have occurred in the College of Medicine. College of Medicine Dean Rick Smith announced that he will retire as Dean December 31, 2014 and a search committee has been formed. A decision was made to split the positions of Vice Chancellor for Research at UAMS and Executive Associate Dean for Research in the College of Medicine. Dr. Larry Cornett will continue as Vice Chancellor for Research at UAMS and Dr. Charlotte Hobbs was named Executive Associate Dean for Research in the College of Medicine.

Two new positions in the College of Medicine have been created, Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Services and Executive Associate Dean for Basic Sciences. Dr. Richard Turnage and Dr. Michael Jennings have been named to the positions respectively.

Dr. McGehee announced the Graduate School office is undergoing restructuring. Assistant Dean Mr. Jackie McRoberts is retiring September 30, 2014. Ms. Pattie Hamilton, Graduate School Registrar, will move to the centralized registrar's office at the end of September. Both will be recognized at the Research Induction ceremony reception. Dr. Kristen Sterba has been named Associate Dean of the Graduate School.

Dr. Patty Wight requested information regarding the possibility of plus and minus grades in the new student information system. Currently the system has been configured without this capability. Dr. McGehee asked Dr. Sterba to investigate whether or not the new system would allow the Graduate School to add plus and minus grades. If the system has the capability, then the Graduate Faculty will have the opportunity to vote on the issue.

The members were appointed to committees as follows:

Faculty Committee

Dr. Holly Felix	COPH
Dr. Tina Crook	CHP
Dr. Gunnar Boysen	COPH
Dr. Seongkum Heo	CON
Dr. Patty Wight	COM
Dr. Mari Davidson	COM
Dr. Paul Prather	COM

Curriculum Committee

Dr. Andy James	COM
Dr. Dan Voth	COM
Dr. Barabar Fuhrman	COPH
Dr. Eric Peterson	COM
Dr. Leavonne Pulley	COM
Dr. Howard Hendrickson	COP
Ms. Tiffany Lepard	CHP

Dr. Helen Benes serves as the Academic Senate representative and Dr. Sam Atcherson as Chair of the Graduate Council, therefore no committee appointments were made for these members.

Dr. McGehee reminded everyone to announce the Research Induction ceremony on September 29th to their faculty/students and to submit student awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.