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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

Date: December 18, 2014

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

From: Dr. Sam Atcherson, Chair

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Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2014

Members Present: Drs. Atcherson, Benes, Hendrickson, Crook, Prather, Wight, Voth, Peterson, Ms. Tiffany Lepard, Ms. Lee Ann King

Members Absent: Drs. Davidson, Fuhrman, Heo, Boysen, Felix, James, and Pulley

Non-voting Members Present: Drs. McGehee and Sterba

Attendee: Ms. Pam McCullough

Dr. Atcherson called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The October and November minutes were approved.

2. Administrative Items

Dr. McGehee announced the first graduate of the IMSD program is Centdrika Dates (mentor, Dr. Anna Radominski-Pandya). He also announced that the business process for stipends has changed. Programs will process tuition payments by IDT, however, the stipend forms will continue to be submitted to the Graduate School. The GS office will remain open the week after Christmas with minimal staffing.

Dr. McGehee announced a new graduate certificate, Health Systems Innovation and Entrepreneurialism, will be offered under the IBS program in partnership with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. The certificate will require 12 credit hours and will be open only to Ph.D. students who have passed their candidacy exams and to post-doc students. The certificate will be offered beginning Fall, 2015.

Graduate Student Association Report

The Graduate Student symposium is scheduled for February 24th and the deadline for students to submit abstracts is January 15th. The GSA Christmas fund raisers, a bake sale and SantaGrams, generated \$400 in one day. The GSA is considering holding the fundraisers over two or three days next year and hope to raise enough money to become self-supporting.

Dr. Sterba Report

The GSTCA will schedule a symposium in May, 2015. In January, Dr. Gunnar Boysen and GS doctoral student Daniel Sappington will present tips on using MS Word for scientists.

3. Reports from Committees

- a. **Curriculum Committee** – no course approvals
- b. **Faculty Committee** – The committee recommended approving Dr. Sara Shalin, M.D., Ph.D. for Graduate Faculty status. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.

Academic Senate

The Research Committee is looking into ways to minimize faculty administrative duties and training required by IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee) and still pass the USDA inspections. The Faculty Affairs committee will determine if there is enough faculty support for implementing plus/minus grades in the new student information system and then report to the Provost.

4. Announcements

The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.