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Date: September 22, 2015
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Sam Atcherson, Chair
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2015

Members Present: Drs. Sam Atcherson, Dan Voth, Mark Mennemeier, Mari Davidson, Rafaela Feresin (for Tina Crook), Patricia Wight, Paul Prather, Eric Peterson, Seongkum Heo, Andrew James, Gunnar Boysen, Antino Allen, and Mr. Wezley Griffin

Non-voting Members: Drs. Robert McGehee and Kristen Sterba, Ms. Allyson Douglass

Administrative Items:

Dr. McGehee informed the Graduate Council that we have had our first graduate student complete the exposure phase of Interprofessional Education (and therefore all requirements for IPE). The Clinical Nutrition student worked at the 12th street clinic and wrote a reflection on her experience there. Dr. McGehee submitted this reflection for the transition phase of IPE and it was approved. Dr. Davidson shared that the IPE leadership team wants students to use Blackboard for reflection submissions and that these will be graded. She suggested faculty submit their curriculum ideas for IPE to the IPE leadership team so that these ideas could be approved for future use. Dr. Sterba shared that 8 students attended the HPV screening. She also shared that when she is notified that a student still needs to complete specific IPE requirements, she will notify the student and Program Director.

The committee discussed the IPE framework and how it will work for the Graduate School. Dr. McGehee shared that all colleges have approved the framework but that each college has a different plan for when each phase will be implemented. Dr. Voth inquired where students should submit feedback regarding the exposure workshop, and Dr. Sterba stated that each student participant should have received an online evaluation. The IPE leadership team will share the results with the colleges.

Dr. McGehee reminded the committee that the Research Induction Ceremony will be held on 9/28/2015, and that there were no classes during that time so that students could come and participate in the ceremony. He also discussed Student Research Day which will be held on 4/13/2016. This year's speaker for the McGehee lectureship which is held on Student Research Day is Dr. Arturo Casadevall. Dr. Casadevall will be speaking about Data Reproducibility. In the 2016-2017 academic year, there will be no classes held on campus on Student Research Day so that students can participate.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

Wezley Griffin, GSA President, discussed the GSA Picnic (held on 8/29) and the Pancake breakfast. Both of these events were successful. He shared that the GSA is continuing to have new people attend events. The GSA is exploring taking a group to Boo at the Zoo for Halloween. The annual Thanksgiving Potluck will likely be held the week before Thanksgiving on Thursday.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Dr. Sterba listed the Graduate School events for the fall. This list is available on the Graduate School website.

Dr. Sterba delivered a brief report on the status of the GUS student information system. A meeting was held on 8/31/2015 with Graduate School Program Directors to discuss academic advising and degree requirements that need to be entered into GUS. The tentative go live date for GUS is 2/29/2016. Fall 2016 registration will be conducted online in GUS.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

Dr. Gunnar reported on 3 curriculum changes that were submitted to the committee. Requests to delete PCOL5203 (Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology I) and PCOL5213 (Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology II) were approved by the council. A request to rename PCOL5033 (General Principles of Pharmacology and Toxicology to Principles and Methods of Pharmacology and Toxicology) which will now include some information from the eliminated courses was also approved.

The curriculum committee also reviewed the curriculum of the Graduate Program in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (GPIBS). GPIBS is a reorganization of the 7 basic science programs into one umbrella program that has unified admissions. Students will complete a core curriculum the first semester and then choose one of 6 tracks. The curriculum change was approved by the council.

Faculty Committee:

Dr. Prather discussed the two graduate faculty applications received from Drs. James Selig and Elisabet Borsheim. Both were approved for graduate faculty status.