



Date: February 29, 2016
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Sam Atcherson, Chair
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2016

Members Present: Drs. Tina Crook, Patricia Wight, Eric Peterson, Seongkum Heo, Paul Prather, Antino Allen, Dan Voth, Mark Menemeier, Mari Davidson, and Mr. Wezley Griffin

Members Absent: Drs. Gunnar Boysen and Andrew James

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

Administrative Items:

Dr. McGehee reported that Dr. Lee Wilbur, director of the Office of Interprofessional Education, has left UAMS. A search committee has been formed to identify a new Co-Director of the office with Dr. Mari Davidson representing the GS. Dr. Kathryn Neill will serve as Co-Director also. The position will be .25 FTE. Any nominations for the position should be directed to Mari.

Dr. McGehee reminded the council that the 2nd Graduate Student Association Symposium will be held on Friday, February 19th. Poster sessions will be held in the morning, and oral presentations will begin at 1 pm. The Graduate School provided refreshments for the event.

The UAMS Campus-wide Student Research Day will be held on April 13th, 2016. The day's events will include the McGehee Lecture which features Dr. Arturo Casadevall. During his visit, Dr. Casadevall will meet with faculty. In future years, UAMS classes will not be held on Student Research Day.

Drs. McGehee and Sterba requested that graduate students' publications and awards be sent to Regina Dennis for the Spring 2016 Reception which will be held on April 7th. The deadline for submissions is March 16.

Dr. Sterba reported that two workshops will be offered for graduate students during the spring semester. A workshop on developing a teaching philosophy will be offered on 3/7. An additional workshop on creating an electronic academic portfolio will be offered on 4/22.

The GS will host a screening of the PhD Movie 2 in late April. The date will be announced soon.



Report from the Graduate Student Association:

The Graduate Student Symposium organized by the GSA is on 2/19. Wezley Griffin thanked Regina Dennis and Kristen Sterba for assistance with food and setup.

The GSA will no longer be offering doughnut Wednesdays and will instead offer Pizza Fridays.

The GSA will host a bake sale in March. Two events will be held in April- Playtime Pizza on 4/2 and a Crawfish boil on 4/30. The GSA is planning on hosting a canoe trip in June.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Drs. Sterba and Mari Davidson discussed IPE. Dr. Sterba is working with the office to setup an online book discussion for "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks." This book is required reading for Scientific Communications and Ethics.

Dr. Sterba reported that the new student information system, GUS, will go live on March 7th. The system will be down from 3/4 – 3/7. In addition, the GS will now consider 9 hours full time. This change occurred due to GUS. Tuition will be capped at 9 hours.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

A new course titled PCOL 5143 Experimental Design and Quantitative Analysis was approved.

Faculty Committee:

Drs. Matthews, Zybaylov, and Li were approved for graduate faculty status.

Academic Senate:

Dr. Andrew James was unavailable to attend the meeting so Dr. Sterba reported for him. She shared that Academic Senate is currently collecting questions regarding the new Dress Code Policy. In addition, Research Shared Services is moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.