



Date: November 18, 2016
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Eric Peterson, Chair
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2016

Members Present: Drs. Patty Wight, Antino Allen, Mari Davidson, Seongkum Heo, Andrew James, Mark Mennemeier, Gunnar Boysen, William Fantegrossi, Joshua Phelps, and Karl Boehme (for Dan Voth).

Members Absent: Dr. Naveen Nagaraj and Gregory Berbusse

Non-voting Members: Dr. Kristen Sterba and Allyson Douglass

Administrative Items:

October's Graduate Council minutes were approved.

Dr. McGehee stated that the GSA Thanksgiving potluck was a success. There were around 120 people who attended.

He also shared information regarding the new overtime and clocking changes that are happening for around 1,000 employees on campus. This law begins on December 1. Employees impacted by this law, will now be paid bi-monthly and have to clock in and out.

Dr. Sterba reminded the committee that the Winter Reception would be held on December 8th in the Helen Guinn Adams Atrium. She asked the committee to remind students that they needed to send any award information to Dr. Sterba as soon as possible.

She shared that there were 30 or more attendees at the Graduate School sponsored talk regarding "Mindfulness" given by Dr. Thapa on November 4th. She also shared that there were approximately 20 attendees at the seminar "The Global Classroom: Medical Education vs. Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram" which was presented by Dr. Jerad Gardner, M.D. She reminded the committee that the next GSTCA seminar, "Gaga for Google Docs", would be held on 11/28.

For the Spring 2017 term there will be additional seminars scheduled for students. One presentation which will be given by Dr. Thapa will be held in January 2017 and will focus on stress management. Dr. Sterba will also be presenting a Career Development workshop at some point. She will share additional details in the future.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

No report.

Old Business:

Dr. Sterba shared that there would be another IPE Bridging activity on 12/1 as a movie night featuring “And the Band Played On”. She assisted with this activity and an “Outbreak” movie bridging activity earlier in the semester. Dr. Davidson is still working on simulations for bridging activities as well.

Dr. Sterba updated the committee regarding GUS Spring registration. She shared that the Graduate School office was removing advising holds and reminded everyone of the process of requesting that a hold be removed for a student. She stated that this worked well for fall registration.

New Business:

Dr. McGehee presented the proposal for a new Biomedical Informatics program that if approved will begin in Fall 2017.

He stated that the proposed program would have 4 different tracks. The Clinical Information track would offer a Certificate, MS, and PhD programs of study. The other 3 tracks would only offer MS and PhD programs of study. The clinical information track was designed for those who would need to sit for national boards and would help prepare them for this.

The program was approved by Graduate Council.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

There were 15 new courses submitted for review. Dr. Heo outlined each course.

The courses below were approved with minor clarifications requested:

- Anatomy for Imaging
- Bioconductor for Genomic Scale Data Analysis
- Clinical and Translational Research
- Clinical Data Standards
- Clinical Decision Support
- Clinical Imaging Informatics
- Comparative Microbial Genomics
- Data Warehousing, Aggregation and Reporting



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Health Information Systems
The Healthcare Informatics of Quality and Patient Safety
Introduction to Biological Network Analysis
Introduction to Human Computer Interaction
Medical Decision-Making
Research Imaging Informatics
Neuroimaging Informatics and Connectomics

Faculty Committee:

The following faculty member was approved for graduate faculty status:

Dr. Shengyu Mu

Academic Senate:

Dr. Boysen shared that there was discussion regarding the search committee for the new chancellor and that the system president came to the last meeting to meet and discuss the search process.

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