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Date: February 10, 2017
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Eric Peterson, Chair 
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2017

Members Present: Drs. Patty Wight, Antino Allen, Mari Davidson, Seongkum Heo, Gunnar Boysen, William Fantegrossi, Joshua Phelps, Naveen Nagaraj, and Dan Voth, and Gregory Berbusse.

Members Absent: Drs. Andrew James, Mark Mennemeier, and Eric Peterson.

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

Administrative Items:

November's Graduate Council minutes were approved.

Dr. McGehee shared that grant funding for UAMS IPE projects was made available, and Dr. Mari Davidson had received funding for a an IPE simulation that would advocate for biomedical research. The simulation will be held in May.

Dr. McGehee updated the council regarding the Chancellor's search. Dr. McGehee also stated that the College of Medicine is conducting a search for a new Chair of Pediatrics.

Dr. McGehee announced that there would be an upcoming Program Director's meeting to update them on various items including admissions and GUS.

Dr. McGehee made several additional announcements of interest to the council. The new disability services/title IX coordinator has begun working at UAMS. Her name is Elizabeth Means, and her office is located in the library. April 17-19 is the upcoming Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit for UAMS.

He also reminded the council that April 12 is the university-wide Student Research Day which is blocked off for all classes.

Dr. McGehee also discussed a new competition organized through the Graduate School (GRS). Students from each college and the graduate school will compete in college-level Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competitions prior to Student Research Day. The top 2 from each competition will participate in the finals which will be hosted on Student Research Day.



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Dr. Sterba shared that the Arkansas School for Math, Sciences, and Arts (ASMSA) was looking for judges in February for science fair competitions. She will be attending the event on 2/23 to judge as well as represent the GRS at a fair in the afternoon.

Dr. Sterba reported the list of GRS seminars/activities for the Spring 2017 term. The list has been emailed to students and faculty and posted on the GRS website. Some events are being co-sponsored by the GSA or GSTCA.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

Gregory reported that the GSA is co-sponsoring two seminars with the Graduate School this Spring. The GSA will be providing the food for these seminars.

The GSA is trying to set up collaborations with graduate students from Colorado State and Texas A & M. Students from those universities would come to UAMS to discuss their research as part of the GSA Research Symposium, and a student from UAMS would go to those universities to do the same.

The GSA is currently planning events for the Spring term.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Dr. Sterba stated registration for the Spring term was officially closed. She also notified the council that requests for summer and fall courses would be coming soon.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

The course below was approved:

NPHD Research (being sent to OUR for course number)

Faculty Committee:

The following faculty members were approved for graduate faculty status:

Dr. Felciano Yu – Biomedical Informatics



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Dr. Galina Glazko – Biomedical Informatics

Dr. Ahmad Baghal – Biomedical Informatics

Dr. Lawrence Tarbox – Biomedical Informatics

Dr. Sudeepa Bhattacharyya – Biomedical Informatics

Academic Senate:

Dr. Voth shared that he was on the committee for the Chancellor's search and it was moving forward.

Dr. Voth also stated that Dr. Bobbitt would be at the Academic Senate meeting on 3/27 at noon and invited all faculty to attend.

The next Academic Senate meeting will be on 1/23 at noon.

The committee is currently taking nominations for a new chair elect as well as adding two more members at large.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55.

