




Graduate School

Date: April 13, 2017
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Eric Peterson, Chair 
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2017

Members Present: Drs. Patty Wight, Antino Allen, Mari Davidson, William Fantegrossi, Naveen Nagaraj, Dan Voth, Melanie Macnicol (for Mark Mennemeier), Joshua Phelps, Seongkim Heo, and Andrew James and Gregory Berbusse.

Members Absent: Dr. Gunnar Boysen

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

Administrative Items:

Dr. McGehee requested that Graduate Council members volunteer to serve as Commencement faculty participants for the Graduate School. Dr. Antino Allen volunteered to be the PhD faculty marshal, Dr. Joshua Phelps volunteered to be the MS faculty marshal, Dr. Gunnar Boysen was nominated for ramp marshal, and Dr. Eric Peterson volunteered to be the Diploma Assistant. Dr. Sterba will notify the Commencement Director who the GRS faculty participants are.

Dr. McGehee stated that 72 students across all UAMS colleges were participating in 3MT (3 Minute Thesis) semifinal competitions. Individual college semifinals will be held the last week of March or the first week of April. The first place and runner up presenters from each competition will advance to the finals to be held at 1p.m. on 4/12 during Student Research Day.

Dr. McGehee reminded the committee that Student Research Day will be held on 4/12 and that it is a class blackout day for all students. There will be two poster sessions; one session will be held in the morning and one session will be held in the afternoon. The McGehee Distinguished Lectureship in Biomedical Research will be held at 12 pm and features Dr. Cato Laurencin. The 3MT finals will be held following Dr. Laurencin's seminar at 1 pm. The awards ceremony will be held at a later date and will probably be a reception held around lunchtime.

Dr. McGehee reminded the committee that the Higher Learning Commission will be on campus April 17-18, 2017 and encouraged faculty to attend the open sessions.

The Biomedical Informatics program will be reviewed for approval at the 4/21 meeting of AHEC-B.
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Dr. Sterba stated that publications and awards information will be due on April 10th for the Spring Reception which will be held 4/27

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

Gregory shared that the GSA will be hosting a fundraiser on 4/4 at Slim Chickens on Markham. He also stated that the GSA has been accepting abstracts for the Graduate Collaborative Seminar Series hosted with Texas A&M. The deadline to apply for this collaboration is 3/31.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

GUS – Dr. Sterba reminded the committee that all faculty have to be trained to be able to enter their grades in GUS for the Spring 2017 term. OUR will no longer enter grades.

IPE – Dr. Sterba shared that there is an upcoming online Exposure bridging activity and there are additional Exposure bridge activities in the form of movie nights throughout the rest of the semester.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

A change to the course below was approved:

BIOC 5109 – Methods in Biomedical and Translational Sciences

Faculty Committee:

The following faculty members were approved for graduate faculty status:

Dr. Amanda Golbeck

Dr. Fei Wan

Academic Senate:

Dr. Voth shared that the Academic Senate will be meeting on 3/27 at 2 pm in Pauly Auditorium. Dr. Bobbit will be attending the meeting, and an announcement will be made regarding the new chair-elect during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.