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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 shared that we had to pick out graduate faculty to participate in the graduation festivities. Dr. Antino Allen volunteered for Ph.D. Students, Dr. Joshua Phelps volunteered for M.S. Students, Dr. Gunnar Boysen was nominated for ramp leader, and Dr. Eric Peterson will be the Diploma Assistant to Dr. Sterba. Dr. Sterba will let the Commencement planners know who will be in which positions.

Dr. McGehee shared that 72 students were participating in 3MT across the colleges. College times for the competition were set up over the last week in March/first week in April. He shared that 10 would advance to the finals which would be held at 1p.m. on 4/12/2017 during Student Research Day. First, second, and people's choice winners would receive visa gift cards of various amounts for the first round and the final round.

Dr. McGehee also reminded everyone that Student Research Day was going to be on 4/12/2017 and that it was a blackout day for all students. He shared that there would be two poster sessions; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The McGehee Lecturer will be speaking at 12 and then the 3MT finals will be held at 1. The awards reception would be held at a later date and would probably be a lunch reception.

He also shared that next year the posters would be doubled up together and that the Graduate School would be paying for printing.

He also shared that the Higher Learning Commission would be on campus April 17-18,2017 and encouraged faculty to attend the open sessions that might be related to them.



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Also the Biomedical Informatics program will be voted on to be approved to begin on 4/21 at the AHEC-B meeting.

Dr. Sterba shared that she was accepting publications and awards information until April 10th for the Spring Reception which will be held on 4/27/2017 in the afternoon. She requested that faculty send information sooner than later and that if she doesn't get enough response she won't be printing a poster this year.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

Gregory shared that the GSA would be having a fundraiser on 4/4 at Slim Chickens on Markham. He also shared that the group had been receiving abstracts for the collaboration with Texas A&M and that the deadline was 3/31. He said that there had been a small response. Whomever comes from Texas A&M will receive a small honorarium and a plaque.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

GUS – Dr. Sterba reminded all faculty that they had to be trained and set up in GUS records to be able to enter their grades for the Spring 2017 term. OUR will not be entering grades for this term nor upcoming terms. Faculty is now responsible to have training and access to be able to get student rosters, etc.

IPE – Dr. Sterba shared that there would be an online bridging activity coming up and Kristen notified those who still needed that training about it. Also IPE will begin having 2 a month orientations with one being online.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

Change to the course below were approved:

BIOC 5109 – Methods in Biomedical and Translational Sciences

Faculty Committee:

The following faculty members were approved:

Dr. Amanda Golbeck

Dr. Fei Wan



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Academic Senate:

Dr. Voth shared that they would be meeting on 3/27 at 2 pm in Pauly Auditorium and that Dr. Bobbit would be attending. He also said that the chair would be announced then.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.