

Date: October 5, 2017
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Eric Peterson, Chair 
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2017

Members Present: Drs. Antino Allen, Naveen Nagaraj, Karl Boehme, Joshua Phelps, Melanie MacNicol, Andrew James, Trish Wright, Boris Zybaylov, Gunnar Boysen, Jerry Ware, and Frank Simmen.

Members Absent: Drs. William Fantegrossi and Robert McGehee

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

Administrative Items:

Dr. Sterba shared that there were 33 students inducted at the Research Induction Ceremony held on September 18th. We had another record attendance and the event went very well.

She shared that the deadline for registering for Career day was September 25th, and encouraged all of the members to reach out to their programs and encourage the graduate students to register and attend this event. That day is a black out day on the calendar and no courses are supposed to be held on that day so students should be able to attend. Dr. Sterba was sending a reminder about the deadline out on September 22nd.

Dr. Sterba shared that she was doing some new workshops this year, which included one that she was giving on September 22nd for students regarding graduation requirements and the steps to complete the graduation process from start to finish. We have had a lot of questions regarding this and she felt that it would be a good workshop to offer to students.

The GSTCA has been offering several workshops as well. The upcoming Strength Finder workshop has 12 students registered and Dr. Sterba will be running that.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

Bill Hyatt shared that the GSA had several events during welcome week which included a bowling night, game night, pancake breakfast, and ice cream social. He said that these were all well attended.

He shared that they had the GSA Picnic and it was a good event and well attended.



He reminded everyone that the GSA Symposium is going to be on October 27th. They are still accepting submissions to this and have gotten some good ones. The student from the UAMS – Texas Tech exchange will be at the symposium and speak.

He shared that there will be a bake sale on 10/31 and they will be hosting Thanksgiving again on 11/15.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Dr. Sterba thanked everyone for turning their courses for the Spring 2018 term in on time. It went very smooth and there are some updates in the future that will be helpful to everyone.

She also shared that anyone who uses GUS for their courses needs to have the training through the registrar's office and that there were still some sections of this training available. Faculty have to do this to access course rosters and enter grades.

She also shared that this Fall 2017 the graduation application is now in GUS and the registrar's office is hoping that it will help things flow more smoothly in the graduation process.

She shared that IPE was having a Research Advocacy talk at noon on September 27th and encouraged everyone to attend. She shared that all IPE activities are now online and that graduate students are still only required to attend the exposure and bridging activity. She also shared that there is a new query in GUS where she can pull who has completed the IPE requirements and who has not. She said she is sending this information to program directors.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

There was no new curriculum to discuss.

Faculty Committee:

The faculty committee will review applications and discuss via email.

Academic Senate:

Gunnar Boysen shared that the Chancellor search was starting from scratch. There is a timeline for this that the committee would be following.



Graduate School

He also shared that there have been some colleges where faculty have received salary reductions and the provost was working on this.

He also shared that there is a promotion/tenure policy for the UA system in the works but the guidelines have not been finalized yet. They are working towards finalizing those.

Also the childcare center is moving along in the process of being created.

Adjourned at 4:40.