



Date: December 1, 2018
To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty
From: Dr. Melanie MacNicol, Chair
Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2018

Members Present: Drs. Robert McGehee, Frank Simmen, Antino Allen, Karl Boehme, Joshua Phelps, William Fantegrossi, Gunnar Boysen, and Naveen Nagaraj.

Members Absent: Drs. Trish Wright, Boris Zybaylov, William Fantegrossi, Andrew James, Paul Prather, Jerry Ware, and David Ussery,

Non-voting Members: William MacCain, Allyson Douglass and Dr. Latrina Prince

Administrative Items:

Dr. McGehee shared that Career Day 2018 was a great success. There were around 120 students in attendance.

Dr. McGehee shared that the GSA Thanksgiving Potluck was great and had a great turn out. There were quite a bit of faculty in attendance as well as post-doc students.

He reminded everyone that the Winter Reception is on 12/6/2018 from 3-5 pm in the atrium in Biomed II. Any awards and updates regarding such need to be sent to Dr. Latrina Prince as soon as possible.

Dr. McGehee shared that the food insecurity survey that was sent out by GSA from the Provost was sent to graduate students across colleges. The 10 minute survey asked questions about student ability to obtain the food that they needed while pursuing their studies at UAMS. Graduate School students fell at 3 which was a high number indicating that there were times where they had to skip a meal. Other colleges were a little under 2. Based on these result the Chancellor will put a 20-dollar a week balance on students who email his office. This will be kept anonymous and UAMS hopes that students will reach out and use this. Dr. Macnicol suggested that programs have a monthly pool of food or money for students who might need help. A meal plan with x amount of fees was suggested as well, with the question if family members could be included. GSA has been talking about having a meal share program which would be a potluck type of program that people would sign up for. There were concerns regarding confidentiality in regards to the students that needed to use this resource but Dr. McGehee assured everyone that if a student emailed the chancellor regarding this they would be kept anonymous and one person in his office will be handling these requests. Another

suggestion was to contact seminar presenters/planners to ask that they give away free lunches after their events.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

William MacCain shared that there were more people this year at the Thanksgiving Potluck than room for them. They were happy with the turnout.

He also shared that the peer-mentoring program handbook was almost ready for review. He stated that once it was ready it would be shared with Graduate Council Members for review and feedback.

William also shared that for the Spring term he would be stepping down to focus on his studies that that Tiffany Miles would possibly become president.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Dr. Latrina Prince shared that Student Research Day would be on March 12th and they would need volunteers for this.

She also shared that IPE needed faculty volunteers to grade in Blackboard. Also IPE is changing some of their event frequency and movie nights would be down to one a month. They need facilitators for these.

They also need shadow sites and more ideas of online activities for students.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

None.

Faculty Committee:

The following faculty approval forms were approved:

Jessica Snowden – Pediatrics

Traci Abraham – Health Sciences

Ryan Porter – Medicine/Endocrinology

Milan Bimali - Biostatistics



Academic Senate:

Dr. Boysen shared that there is a faculty food drive going on until 11/26/2018. Take any food to Leann Macmillan-Crowe and she will work with GSA to distribute to students once the drive is complete.

The Chancellor came to the faculty senate meeting and encouraged everyone to look each other in the eye when meeting in the hallways, etc. He wants to really foster more comradery on campus.

Academic Senate is still working on the Promotion and Tenure policy and evaluations.

Adjourned at 5:09.