



Date: October 1, 2018

To: Members of the UAMS Graduate Council and All Other Graduate Faculty

From: Dr. Melanie MacNicol, Chair

Subject: Graduate Council Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2018

Members Present: Drs. Robert McGehee, Trish Wright, Boris Zybaylov, Antino Allen, Karl Boehme, Joshua Phelps, William Fantegrossi, Gunnar Boysen, and Naveen Nagaraj.

Members Absent: Drs. Frank Simmen, 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 Research Induction Ceremony was held on 9/18/2018 and it was a great event. He reminded everyone that the next event is Career Day on 10/18/2018.

Dr. McGehee shared with everyone that program reviews are required and that typically accreditation coincides with the program review. Pharmaceutical Sciences, including Pharmaceutical Evaluation and Policy, is up for review this year. There is a process for this and the deadline to turn it in is by Fall 2019. They will need to invite two external reviewers in after the self-study is completed. Dr. McGehee will present at the next faculty meeting regarding this to discuss what needs to happen.

Dr. McGehee shared that there is an endowment in the Cancer Institute in his name that he just found out about. He is working to figure out what the Graduate School will do with those funds.

Report from the Graduate Student Association:

William MacCain shared that they had not received the response they were hoping for in regards to the GSA Symposium this year. As of the 20th of September only 20-22 people have signed up for a poster or oral presentation, while they have 30 volunteer judges for the event. They are bringing in a speaker from NCTR to present. When he shared the date, graduate council members let him know that it conflicts with the SWRM conference being hosted in Little Rock during that time which might attribute to low participation numbers.

He also shared that they are working on creating the peer mentoring program and trying to see where the most needs are. They are creating a handbook for that program and they will share with graduate council members for review and feedback. They anticipate this will be in the Spring 2019 term.

He shared that they are working on setting up seminars for the Spring 2019 term and would like to have one on Science Outreach and Advocacy. They also have student wellness workshops set up. They have a survey regarding burnout that they will be sending to the Graduate School students. They are also working with Dr. Gardner to get students to reply to the food panty email that was sent from her.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Dr. McGehee shared information regarding the speakers for this year's Career Day which will be held on October 18th. He also shared that Dr. Dana Gaddy would be holding a workshop that afternoon on networking for current Graduate School students.

Reports of Committees

Curriculum Committee:

Approved one course – Pharmaceutical Sciences name change

Faculty Committee:

Approved Dr. Lee Archer for Graduate Faculty status.

Academic Senate:

Dr. Boysen shared that there is still much up in the air regarding the promotion and tenure policy from the U of A system. He shared that there is a committee being formed to figure out about the yearly evaluation peer reviews. UAMS has not had a comprehensive evaluation policy in place.

He also shared that the annual faculty meeting would be in December and encouraged everyone to attend since the chancellor will be in attendance.

Adjourned at 4:58.