



# Graduate Studies Committee

February 25, 2010

1:00PM – 2:00PM

Dean's Conference Room (4307, HPNP)

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**Members:** Dr. Ray Bergeron (MC), Dr. Ian Tebbett (MC-Forensics), Dr. Tony Palmieri (PC), Dr. Michael Katovich (PD), Dr. Carole Kimberlin (POP), Dr. Reggie Frye (PTR), Mr. Stephan Linden (GS), Dr. Bill Millard (ORGS)

**Guests:** Dr. Veronika Butterweck (PC), Dr. Ken Sloan (MC)

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## AGENDA TOPICS

- + Accept Minutes – from the January 11, 2010 meeting
- + New Course: Preclinical Drug Evaluation – Dr. Butterweck
- + New Course: Scientific Management – Dr. Palmieri
- + New Course: Professional Science Masters – Dr. Tebbett
- + Graduate Defense during Spring Semester Breaks
- + McNair Scholars Research Program
- + Conditional Admissions for Saudi Students
- + Research Showcase Wrap-up



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Minutes from February 25, 2010

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**Absent:** Dr. Ray Bergeron (MC)

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- ✚ **Accept Minutes:** Meeting was opened at 1:00pm in room 4307 with the minutes from the January 11, 2010 GSC meeting being approved as recorded.
- ✚ **New Course: Preclinical Drug Evaluation:** Dr. Butterweck gave a short overview of the new course. The committee read through the course outline and only one recommendation for change was made, in the Goals section the wording "combinatorial chemistry" should be left out. The committee approved the new course with the noted change.
- ✚ **New Course: Scientific Management:** Dr. Palmieri gave a short overview of the new course. The committee read through the course outline and approved the course with no changes needed.
- ✚ **New Course: Professional Science Masters:** Dr. Tebbett gave a short overview of his new course. At this time he is not ready to seek approval from the committee, this is merely a heads-up of what should be coming if the funding becomes available.
- ✚ **Graduate Defense during Semester Breaks:** Dr. Millard reminded the committee that it's not in good practice to schedule a defense during the semester breaks.
- ✚ **McNair Scholars Research Program:** The McNair Scholars Program information was attached to the agenda packet for those interested in being a mentor through the program.
- ✚ **Conditional Admissions for Saudi Students:** Dr. Millard asked the committee to pay special attention when doing a conditional admittance for Saudi students. Terms of the condition need to be made very clear, especially regarding their English speaking skills and any courses they may need to take and pass in order to remain in the program.
- ✚ **Research Showcase Wrap-up:** Dr. Millard presented to the committee to consider having the responsibility of Research Showcase rotate through each of the five departments. Dr. Millard would still secure sponsors but the rest of the responsibilities would be left up the

department and how they would want to organize the events. Each year the showcase would then be passed off to a different department on a rotating basis. This will be up for further discussion and a voter at a later meeting.

✚ **Summer Research Programs:** The number of applicants has increased dramatically of those students who are interested in the Summer Research Program. Since there are only 10 openings through the PTR department, Dr. Millard offered to secure funding for up to 10 students for a total of \$45K. This funding will be done where Dr. Millard will match on a 1 to 1 ratio for any of the other departments.

✚ **Next GSC Meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm