



Committee: Graduate Studies Committee
Annual Report of Activities
Date: August 13, 2015

Committee Charge:

The Graduate Program in Pharmacy at ULM offers a Ph.D. in Pharmacy. Areas of specialization include Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutics, Pharmacology, Natural Products Chemistry, and Toxicology, but the major research emphasis of research can be categorized into specific areas that include: 1) Cancer Research; 2) Neuroscience; 3) Endocrinology; 4) Environmental, Chemical, and Food Toxicology; 5) Drug Discovery and Development; 6) Drug Delivery. The charge of the committee. The Graduate Studies Committee functions to promote the enhance the activities of the Graduate Program in Pharmacy.

Meeting dates:

Meeting dates were arranged when necessary. Most of the work conducted by the committee was preformed via email.

Committee Activities:

Graduate Program Bylaws Revision: ULM implemented a University wide reorganization during the Spring of 2014. As a result, the Graduate discipline in Pharmacy Administration was eliminate. Because the current bylaws for the School of Pharmacy stated that the Graduate Studies Committee would include representation for the Departments of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences, Toxicology and Clinical and Administrative Sciences, it was necessary to change the bylaws to reflect the current status of the Graduate Program in the School of Pharmacy. These changes were made and full faculty within the School of Pharmacy approve these changes.

Graduate Faculty Review: In order to teach graduate level classes and serve on graduate student thesis committees, University and adjunct faculty members must be awarded graduate faculty status by the ULM Graduate School. The Graduate Studies Committee reviews applications from faculty who wish to obtain Graduate Faculty status. The committee's recommendations to approve or disapprove Graduate Faculty status for applicants are then forwarded to the

Dean and Graduate School for their decision. During this past year the committee has reviewed four applicants who have applied for associate level Graduate Faculty status and all were approved by the ULM Graduate Council.

Graduate Student Appeals: There were no student appeals this year.

Graduate Assistantship Assignments: The Graduate Program in Pharmacy was awarded funds to support approximately 18 graduate student assistantships from the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. These assistantships are awarded to individual graduate faculty members to support a graduate student working in their laboratory. This procedure is outlined in the School of Pharmacy guidelines for awarding Graduate Students Assistantships. As assistantship positions become open as a result of a student graduating or leaving the program, the committee reviews new applications for these open positions. During the past year the Committee has reviewed applications for eight new Pharmacy funded graduate students entering the Program.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Every year an award is given to the most outstanding graduate student in their graduation class that academic year. Nominees for this award are reviewed by the Graduate Studies Committee and then a vote is taken to select the awardee.

Patent Application Review: There were no new patent applications reviewed this year.

New Graduate Course Curriculum Review: There were not new Graduate Courses considered for review this year.