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Date: January 26, 2014

To: Students Attending the MGS Meeting for HS 327

From: Gayle Hudgins, Skaggs School of Pharmacy

Re: HS 327 Montana Gerontology Society Annual Meeting

I want to provide you with information on the HS 327 MGS Meeting course in which you have enrolled in order to receive credit for attending the meeting. This year's meeting is at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula on April 9 - 10, 2014. You will need to register for the meeting at the student registration fee which will be \$80 (approximately). If that fee presents a hardship, you can ask for a scholarship to attend the meeting by contacting the meeting chair. I will provide you with a meeting brochure as soon as it is available, around late February.

In order to receive one semester credit for the meeting, it is necessary to spend 15 hours in meeting related activities. The professional programming for the meeting usually occupies approximately 12 hours over the two days of the meeting. Therefore, you will need to attend all of the meeting in order to meet the requirements for the course. In addition, I would ask you to volunteer to help with some aspect of the meeting. I will check with the planning committee to see what they will need assistance with at the meeting. You are also encouraged to attend any social events associated with the meeting as these provide good networking opportunities.

Please take notes on the presentations that you attend so that you can summarize each presentation briefly and state how the information you learned will help you reach your goals in gerontology. These summaries should be incorporated into a paper several pages in length which is due by Friday, May 9. I will read your paper and return it with comments by Monday, May 19.

There is also an opportunity for you to make a student presentation at the meeting. MGS sets aside several presentation hours for students to share, 30 minutes per student, to present on a topic related to gerontology. Presenters at the MGS Annual Conference can register at half the usual registration fee. If you would be interested in this opportunity, please let me know ASAP as MGS needs to finalize the program. I'll attach the student call for presentations.

Thanks for your interest in the course, the MGS meeting and in gerontology. I look forward to seeing you there on April 9. I will plan to meet with you as a group here on campus, most likely before spring break when we have all the information on the meeting. If you have any questions or need more information in the meantime don't hesitate to contact me at gayle.hudgins@umontana.edu or 243-6495 or stop by my office Skaggs 324.