

BMS Graduate Program Committee

April 16, 2014

RGEB-330

3 p.m.

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Sam Crish, Lisa Cooper, Walt Horton, June Yun, Gary Meszaros, Yanqiao Zhang, Nichole Foster and Margaret Weakland (support)

Meeting called to order.

Discussed the March 27, 2014 minutes. There were two requested changes, adding the name of the student who was interested in Dr. Jesse Young's lab, Natasha Mazumdoir. And the clarification of Dr. Lisa Cooper's post-doctoral fellow; will be able to teach HDS in 2015 (if necessary) but will take course in 2014. Motion to approve; Sam Crish, seconded by Yanqiao Zhang; all in favor. Unanimous approval for the March 27, 2014 minutes.

Discussed the draft funding policy for BMS graduate students (document was sent to committee):

- Student support from the BMS program will be for 2 years.
- Discussed the need of a policy to address a student moving from extramural funding to grant funding as far as a teaching assignment is concerned; dependent on the budget, funding may come from either College of Medicine or College of Pharmacy, if that is the case it takes BMS out of the equation. Dr. Galazyuk will talk to Dr. Susman about the idea of cost-sharing between the College of Medicine and the graduate students who are fulfilling TAs for our medicine and pharmacy classes.
- Dr. Horton stated, "changes will be noted and an updated draft policy will be sent out before next meeting, we ask that everyone do a thorough read-through on this policy and submit additional edits/changes to Margaret Weakland within 2 weeks and information will be added to existing policy".
- A question was raised about the policy; what if a junior faculty has a (small) grant and unable to fully support a student, it was discussed and will be edited to read, "... who have limited or no external support will be eligible to receive 100% funding for (1) one graduate student from the BMS program funds".
- Discussed what constitutes a junior faculty versus non-tenured faculty; faculty need to be a member of the graduate faculty.
- How much should a grant be for; for direct support of a student it is expected that it be enough to cover for 3 years. We hope to have the policy in place by fall 2014 for funding graduate students, time-line may be a bit optimistic.

Discussed student, Lola DiVincenzo, request for tuition waiver. We do not typically accept/support a Master's student, although we have in the past. Upon further discussion and questions, we will reach out to the KSU/BMS office, Dr. Chilian and Lola for additional information before coming to a decision.

New Business:

Will discuss some individual students moving off grant support to teach a semester.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting, April 16, 2014