

BMS Graduate Program Committee

August 19, 2015

Room #330 in the RGEB

3 p.m.

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Lucy Coughlin, Bill Lynch, Yanqiao Zhang, Gary Meszaros, Lisa Cooper and Margaret Weakland (support)

Meeting called to order.

Dr. Alex Galazyuk asked if there are any changes/edits to our July 15, 2015 meeting minutes. Dr. Gary Meszaros motioned to approve and Dr. Yanqiao Zhang seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with one abstention.

Committee discussed the language in the Graduate Student Funding Policy as it relates to junior faculty members who would like to have a graduate student in his/her lab. Discussion included; the first graduate student should receive 100% funds from the BMS program even if they have funding. If you don't have funding you should be graded a free student. If a graduate student has a teaching assignment, his/her mentor can request to support 50% if supported by the NEOMEDs administration. Startup monies can also help fund a graduate student. Comment from Dr. Gary Meszaros, "I'm all for junior faculty getting support and getting the right students right out of the gate; need to get a technician first and then get a student, otherwise the graduate student acts as lab manager with his/her duties." Other comments; let the support be substantial enough to support a student, sometimes a student picks a lab where there is no funding but then later gets funding, how much funding is available to junior faculty and is their chair paying for any junior faculty member's students. If a junior faculty should get a grant they can use to recruit more people (self-generate).

We're now starting to accumulate money in our budget, roughly \$ 200,000.

Lots of people want to use graduate students as cheap labor; put a technician on external grant, unless junior faculty receives major funding. The current policy is working; is "grant" enough to start supporting students. Change language to fully support what constituents funding; junior faculty (non-tenured) regardless of funding status are eligible to receive 1 (one) fully funded graduate student. Another comment was made by saying that we should review this process as PI's review grants. Dr. Bill Lynch motioned to change language as outlined above, Dr. Yanqiao Zhang seconded. Motion was open for discussion, all in favor, 4 (four) opposed; Lucy Coughlin, Dr. Bill Lynch, Dr. Alex Galazyuk and Dr. Lisa Cooper. Dr. Bill Lynch; moved to re-visit.

Dr. Alex Galazyuk stated we will table agenda #3 till our next meeting.

Miscellaneous items on agenda.

- 4a. Discussed having Anurag Jamaiyar, graduate student to fulfill his teaching assignment in the Infection and Immunity (I and I) course. Dr. Gary Meszaros motion to approve and Dr. Bill Lynch seconded; all in favor, unanimous approval.
- 4b. Dr. Galazyuk informed the committee that he and Dr. Freeman are working on developing a new agreement of distribution of funds between KSU and NEOMED.

Miscellaneous: Will increase the timing of our meetings from .60 minutes to .90minutes.

Meeting adjourned.