

BMS Graduate Program Committee

August 20, 2014

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3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Lisa Cooper, June Yun, Gary Meszaros, Yanqiao Zhang, Nichole Foster and Sam Crish

Meeting called to order.

Discussed and asked for approval of the July meeting minutes. Motion for approval, Dr. Gary Meszaros and seconded by Dr. Yanqiao Zhang; all in favor; unanimous approval.

De-briefed from the faculty/staff BMS meeting, held prior to this meeting. Reviewed the graduate student funding policy that was discussed at the BMS faculty/staff meeting; June Yun will send (updated) language about the 1st and 2nd year of graduate school, it needs to be re-worded.

Discussion of a couple BMS students:

Discussed a supplemental increase of \$ 2,000 to Nichole Foster's stipend; up above her current stipend range. Motion to approve; Dr. Sam Crish and Lisa Cooper seconded it. Nichole Foster will no longer have a TA. She will be supported 100% from her NRSA grant.

Lola DiVincenzo; is it okay for a Master's student to hold a TA? Is it written in a policy somewhere; if her advisor is for it; fine. Kent BMS office pays Lola's stipend/tuition.

Discussed Jennifer Gay; funded by NIH (M. Rosen has R01), but wants to have a TA. BMS program will pick up 50% of her stipend and Jennifer will be able to teach BMB in the spring

Discussed that we need to follow up with Dr. Walt Horton on the transfer of the \$ 42,000 from NEOMEDs administration for support of a graduate student.

Miscellaneous:

Nichole Foster; discussed BMS covering expenses for graduate students for the wellness center.

Dr. Alex Galazyuk asked the committee to start thinking about a procedure as to how to rotate new members in the BMS Graduate Program Committee; call for nominations or self-nominations. Nichole Foster will, along with the graduate students, will do a call for nominations.