

BMS Graduate Program Committee

MINUTES

December 21, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Room G-204 N/S

Attendance: Alex Galazyuk, Walter Horton, Yanqiao Zhang, June Yun, Lisa Cooper and Gary Meszaros

Called meeting to order.

Introduced Nichole Foster as our graduate student representative.

A random draw was used to determine terms of members:

Yanqiao Zhang – 3 years

Gary Meszaros – 3 years

Lisa Cooper – 2 years

June Yun – 1 year

Sam Crish–2 year

Alex Galazyuk –3 year term as chair with possible renewal

Dr. Galazyuk discussed the BMS admissions committee; committee is comprised of representation of each program area, director, associate director and a representative from CCF.

Discussed student admission process and lab rotation.

February is the deadline for students to be considered for admission for the following academic year. Students are expected to do 3 laboratory rotations within their first year in the program with at least 1 rotation at KSU and NEOMED.

Students and potential advisors then list their preferences and a match is made.

The BMS admissions committee accepts students with input from executive committee and program committees. Once this information is completed, the COGS and the BMS office will work together to attain the student list of those who have been accepted. This information will become quite helpful as we move forward with new processes and procedures.

The faculty is encouraged to look at the faculty handbook which is located on the School of Biomedical Sciences web-site. The student handbook is there as well. We will link to these sites from the BMS section we have on the College of Graduate Studies site here at NEOMED.

It was discussed that we share these Minutes from this meeting with the Executive Committee.

Discussed the BMS current applicant pool and funding issues. We will communicate to KSU on how many open slots we have after “match” decisions are made. We can also provide the number of slots

that are available for the program and COGS will also provide information like progress on student, graduation, candidacy and so forth. Before decision is made BMS needs to know how many slots are available and will need a list of eligible faculty that can receive a student. This decision will take into account the current number of students in a faculty member's laboratory, the ability of the faculty member to support or partially support the graduate student from grants, and the ability of the faculty member to support the student's research.

The committee will need to start thinking about editing the current policy on attaining graduate students.

Eric Mintz, new Dean for Arts and Sciences, Jim Blank (interim Dean) and Walt Horton had an initial meeting regarding the budget. These same individuals will meet again after Dr. Eric Mintz takes his director position, which will be after January 2, 2013. Dr. Horton will have Dr. Galazyuk be a part of this too. By the end of January the 1st discussion will take place and finance people from KSU and NEOMED will probably be in attendance. Dr. Galazyuk will try to schedule some time to meet with Dr. Mintz.

Support of funding: Kent sends some of their top under-grads here at NEOMED in our labs and that helps generate funding.

Nichole Foster stated that students at BMS/KSU sometimes don't know they can take a course or courses here at NEOMED.

Next Meeting: January 2013

Meeting adjourned.