

BMS Graduate Program Committee

February 18, 2015

RGE-330 in the RGEB

3 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order.

Approval of January 21, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion made for approval by Bill Lynch and seconded by Yanqiao Zhang; all in favor, unanimous approval.

Discussed the number of new graduate students that can be accepted to the program for academic year 2015-2016. Dr. Galazyuk stated that we have revenue of \$ 776,949 from last year. Dr. Galazyuk brought a spreadsheet to meeting and went through it with committee line by line. Discussed whether KSU or NEOMED is paying for student, approximate cost of his/her benefits and if student graduate or not (this would open up another slot, depending on when student defended). Discussed whether NIH can pay for tuition/ benefits; they do not. Discussion got involved when discussing stipends; if a student was on program money for 2 months and then got a grant that does not open up a slot for an incoming student; they were just on program monies for 2 months, not the amount of time for a year's worth of stipend dollars.

Discussed the way we went upon searching and calculating to see who will be graduating and who is on a grant to see what about of slots we'll have for new students. Per Alex, after fiscal year 2014, we'll have \$ 177,757.73 for new students support. Upon adding up the totals from reviewing and discussing Alex's spreadsheet we'll have space for 4 (on the conservative side) new students; upon further discussion we agreed to have 6 new slots for academic year 2015-2016. Looking to the future; we should be able to accept 6 slots per year; we have the ability to expand because PI's are currently supporting students off their grants and should have more support from NEOMED administration to cover TA teaching professional courses in the future. There is no standardization in the committee that review the BMS applications. There is a lot of interest in the Neuroscience program this year. Question was asked; where is the interest for Physiology and Pharmacology disciplines?

Brief discussion on the departure of Eric Mintz, Director, School of Biomedical Sciences (BMS) at Kent State University. We will hear soon as to who will take his place.

Due to time constraints the committee was not able to cover agenda items 3, 4 and 5.