

BMS Graduate Program Committee
February 27, 2014
RGE-330 in the RGEB
9 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order.

Approval of January 2014 Minutes. Motion to approve by Dr. Sam Crish; all in favor, unanimous approval.

Discussed prospective the Data Blitz for BMS students Friday at Kent State University and then visit to NEOMED on Saturday for lunch, meeting with faculty and students and touring labs.

Dr. Galazyuk shared with us told us that he is now the Associate Director for the BMS program, Dr. Horton held the position previously. Congratulations to Alex!

Discussed the development of a new policy for financial support for BMS students who are based on the NEOMED campus. Suggested funding; 1st year at KSU, 2nd year at NEOMED, years 3-5, advisor will fund student's stipend and BMS will cover tuition for each model. What about teaching assignments? Can a student be taken off a grant for a semester to fulfill a TA if college/university will pick up the stipend for that semester?

Additional comments / questions from around the table.

- New faculty rely on start-up funds to fund a student at 100%, a funded PI can support a student on his/her funds.
- Students don't know which lab is or isn't well-funded. Can a new faculty member prior to receiving a grant apply to BMS to fund a graduate student fully, what is the criteria?

Is a Kent-based faculty member able to cost-share a student with a NEOMED faculty member?

Question from committee about cost of SSI.

- SSI dollars flow into a pool of dollars; largely tuition
- SSI doesn't cover the entire cost of a single student

Comment from Dr. Zhang about junior faculty having/getting a 100%, fully supported student
Need further discussion around a policy that if a student is accepted, but not funded; need specific details.

Need to discuss how we can reach out to graduate faculty for their thoughts on implementation of a new policy. Fall 2015 is when the policy will take place. We will start building the policy and will share with faculty as it is developed.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting, March 19, 2014