

BMS Graduate Program Committee
January 18, 2017
RGEB-330
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Bill Lynch, Gary Meszaros, Yanqiao Zhang, and Sam Crish

Meeting called to order.

Discussed the status of new student admission cycle. Alex asked whether anybody from the committee can volunteer to organize NEOMED visit and interview scheduling for the prospective BMS students who will attend NEOMED on Saturday, February 18. Sam Crish agreed to be of the event organizer.

Alex provided an overview about the recent meeting with KSU administration. During the meeting the major emphasis was given to the following two agenda items: registration of the BMS students at the NEOMED campus and bus transportation between NEOMED and KSU. The decision was made to organize a meeting where individuals from both campuses who are responsible for student registration will discuss the strategy of how to coordinate cross campuses registration of BMS students. Ernie Freeman volunteered to get the price estimate from PARTA for the bus service including 5-6 round bus trips per day between the campuses.

Alex informed committee members that based on the committee member re-election schedule, which was established on December 2012 and adjusted in the fall of 2013 two of our committee members Gary Meszaros, Yanqiao Zhang are going through reelection this year. We will follow the same procedure as we did in the fall 2016.

Bill Lynch stated that the final draft of the new policy for monitoring students' progress toward their degree completion is ready to be voted for if the corrections suggested by Lisa Cooper will be included. Sam Crish moves to approve and Bill Lynch seconds it. All in favor, none opposed, unanimous approval.

Alex stated that Sam Crish send him email asking to move his student Gina Wilson from his grant support to the support by NEOMED BMS program funds. Due to a conflict of interest Sam Crish left the meeting room. Bill stated that this request is legitimate because our new student funding policy states: *In the event that a student's advisor is the primary source of the student's support and is unable to support the student due to external funding loss, the student's support (tuition and stipend) will be covered by the BMS program funds.* Therefore, Sam Crish request should be granted. A motion was made by Bill Lynch to support Gina Wilson from NEOMED BMS funds and seconded by Yanqiao Zhang. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned.