

BMS Graduate Program Committee

MINUTES

January 29, 2013

3-4 p.m.

Room G-204 N/S

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

Called meeting to order.

Motion for approval of Minutes from both the September 27, 2012 and December 21 2012 meeting were tabled for approval with provisions to the September minutes with regard to the term for the chair of the committee, "term of chair will be 3 years with a possible 2nd term". Motion seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Committee discussed the handout/process of the general description of admission and rotation process. Question was asked, "What is the purpose of a lab rotation."

- Develop a student/advisor relationship.
- Create awareness on both the NEOMED and Kent State campus
- Create a range of opportunities for committee members

Discussion of laboratory rotations. Once a student is in a lab rotation an advisor can negotiate with another advisor so student can gain experience with a certain type of lab equipment. It was also discussed that maybe a 3rd rotation could be optional. Each student would do a lab rotation at NEOMED and the other at KSU. Usually after 1st or 2nd rotation student has a good feel about the lab(s) they've been in. This will be taken to the Executive Committee, if the idea was taken into consideration and orchestrated it would have to be addressed either during orientation or part of their application package.

Dr. Galazyuk moved for approval for the description of admission and rotation process. Motion seconded, all in favor, approved.

Emily Hazlett – applicant to BMS program. Discussed student in length and referred to letter that Dr. Jeff Westrup wrote as he is very interested in the said student and willing to accept her into his lab. It was recommended that information about this student be taken to the Executive Committee to ask if Kent would be willing to support student initially till Dr. Wenstrup can secure long-time (NRSA) funding. We are not an admissions committee, so therefore we are not able to make these decisions, it will be taken to Executive Committee. It was discussed and stated that Dr. Wenstrup did send letter to the BMS office too. It is the expectation for Dr. Wenstrup to get funding for student. Dr. Sam Crish motioned to submit memo for Emily Hazlett for early admittance and funding. Motion seconded, all in favor, approved.

Question came up of “are there any incentives for faculty to support students here at NEOMED”? After further discussion we discussed a way/process that each faculty could invest an amount (\$ 5,000) and that money would go into a ‘fund’ to support another student. $\$ 5,000 \times \text{number of faculty who participate} = \text{New Student in program}$.

Other Business:

Dr. Yanqiao Zhang asked if there is a process that junior faculty can have more access to students. One idea is that we put aside two slots per year (if doable) and those would be slotted for our junior faculty.

Meeting adjourned.