

BMS Graduate Program Committee
January 29, 2014
RGE-330 in the RGEB
3 p.m.

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Walt Horton, Gary Meszaros, June Yun, Nichole Foster, Yanqiao Zhang and Margaret Weakland (support)

Meeting called to order.

Approval of November 2013 Minutes. Motion to approve by Dr. Zhang and seconded by Dr. Meszaros; unanimous approval.

Discussed publication requirements for BMS graduate students prior to graduation.

Dr. Zhang asked this question and a comment was made that some advisors have high standards but that there should be something that is standard in the BMS program. Other comments from the committee included; there are different tiers of journals to publish in; publication should be linked to their defense/dissertation or another topic, every school and advisor have different requirements, Dr. Galazyuk stated he will contact the BMS office as to follow-up on the publication requirements.

Discussed student admission for 2014-2015.

Dr. Galazyuk stated that Dr. Mintz is willing to accept 8 students, there is no more funding for the Iraqi students and that each faculty member will no longer be able to have fund a student for 6 years through the BMS program, our research enterprise is growing and will need to find additional sources to fund students.

Dr. Galazyuk commented on three (3) students who have expressed interest in fulfilling Ph.D. studies as graduate students here on the NEOMED campus starting academic year 2014-2015. The total amount of funding for students does not take into effect those who are funded by other sources.

There may be a slot for one (1) more student, if faculty is not able to support student. We can only cycle new graduate students when we have movement internally. Anything a faculty member can do to help cost-share a student is good. Dr. Galazyuk will talk to potential PI's of the three (3) interested students who expressed interest in NEOMED for this academic year as to whether they can support two-thirds of a graduate student stipend on their own funding. Dr. Galazyuk asked if we could vote by email regarding the outcome of his conversation with the PI's who may fund student(s) for fall 2014. Currently we have 8 students who are being cost-shared by either a department, investigator, and/or extramural funding. Two years ago we were \$ 140,000 over budget but now we have brought the program back to a more revenue neutral status.

Research Opportunities for undergraduate students at Kent State University, School of Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Galazyuk briefly described the opportunities and said that Dr. Jesse Young is taking the leadership role on this research opportunity and will work on creating a web-site for student and faculty inquiries. Faculty members on the NEOMED campus must state they are interested in being a part of this opportunity. Dr. Galazyuk stated he would send letter to NEOMED researchers letting them know that that Dr. Jesse Young will be NEOMED's contact person. Motion to approve initiating this direction. Dr. Yun moved to approve, Dr. Zhang second; unanimous approval.

A draft proposal to obtain supplemental funding from NEOMED for the BMS program was given to the committee. Dr. Horton will edit and review the letter and will be signed by both Drs. Horton and Galazyuk; will submit to the president by noon tomorrow for review for the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget. Dr. Galazyuk will send the letter to committee after it is finalized.

Request from Dr. Rosen to fund her graduate student.

Dr. Rosen submitted a request to the committee asking if her student, Jennifer Gay, can be supported. Dr. Rosen was just awarded an R01 grant, if we support Dr. Rosen's request the BMS program probably won't be able to support another (new) student. We cannot offer support at this time. Dr. Yun made a motion to decline support at this time and can re-visit this request in the future, Dr. Zhang seconded it, all in favor, unanimous. Will continue to support tuition for Jennifer as stated above.

Other Items:

Letter of support from Dr. Priya Raman.

Dr. Raman sent the BMS Graduate Program Committee a letter requesting partial support for her graduate student, Soumyadip Sahu starting fall 2014. Per an initial agreement she is to provide his stipend support starting fall 2014 and she only has start-up funds and now is requesting support. If the committee approves she will pay the other 50% (approximately 10K) out of her start-up funds and as she has pending grant applications and when she receives funding she will move Soumyadip to her grant at 100% funded. Motion to approve from Dr. Meszaros and seconded by Dr. Yun; all in favor, unanimous approval.

Next Meeting, February 27, 2014