

BMS Graduate Program Committee

July 15, 2015

Room #330 in the RGE

3 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order.

Dr. Galazyuk asked for any changes/edits from our previous May 20, 2015 and June 17, 2015 meeting minutes. Dr. Bill Lynch motioned to approve and Dr. Yanqiao Zhang seconded; all in favor; unanimous approval. May and June minutes approved.

Committee discussed the 1 of our 3 potential students from Dr. Malcuit's lab, Jessica Krieger. Jessica is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year M.S. student; per discussion Dr. Freeman at KSU/BMS office advised that Jessica finish paper she's currently working on and that will be M.S. thesis and will then matriculate into the Ph.D. program. Jessica is currently teaching till the end of this year and hopes to have her spring TA at NEOMED. Jessica is currently being paid by KSU. Committee stated that Dr. Meszaros needs to demonstrate he's applying and trying for grants. Policy states that: "*All faculty who are actively engaged in extramurally supported research and who support the graduate education curriculum through their teaching activities should have access to graduate students.*" However Dr. Meszaros currently does not have funding to support a graduate student.

A faculty member cannot accept a student if he/she is submitting or trying for a grant; that doesn't mean the faculty has money, they have just *submitted* a grant. What about bridge money from a department chair. If this avenue is an option then we would need money for student stipend (50%) cause the student would end up having a TA here and NEOMEDs administration would pick up 50% of student's stipend. If Jessica Krieger does get accepted what are the risks and costs that would fall on the department? If Gary Meszaros doesn't get funded; years 3, 4 and 5 don't guarantee funding unless advisor loses support. As it looks, NEOMED will pay for tuition, Gary Meszaros will go to department chair to ask to pay 100% of stipend; if student is teaching the stipend would be 50% less, if Gary Meszaros gets funding he will only be responsible for the 50% of annual stipend. We have time to review this as to a best situation, do not have time to make a decision right now. Alex Galazyuk will email committee as well as update Sam Crish and Gary Meszaros on this issues that were discussed. Alex Galazyuk will draft a letter and we'll discuss a decision electronically.

Discussion about Asaad Al-Adlaan, potential student who may work with Faye Safadi. Asaad plans to be in Dr. Safadi's lab for an additional 3 (three) years as of fall 2015 to complete his research studies. Are there any restrictions on Asaad's funding through the Iraq government? Hypothetically, what if it takes him 8 years to finish the program, will the Iraqi government still support him? Bill Lynch moved to support Alex Galazyuk's motion to approve transition of Asaad Al-Adlaan into Dr. Safadi's lab and Lisa Cooper seconded.

Discussed Anurag Jamaiyar, potential student who may work with Drs. Liya Yin and co-advised by Bill Chilian. Liya has an R-15 with a no-cost extension and 1 year of funding from AHA. Alex Galazyuk suggest that Dr. Yin should support her student from her current grant, to follow our policy. If PI has funding he/she will support student. Okay to accept the transfer of Anurag into Dr. Yin's lab? Drs. Yin and Chilian to creatively find funding for student for years 3, 4 and 5; support will be made by PI. With this in front of us we'd like to make a minor revision to the policy; Bill Lynch and Lisa Cooper. It should clearly be stated that if an advisor has grant(s), he/she is obligated to pay their student's stipend for years 3, 4 and 5.

Okay to transfer Anurag Jamaiyar to the NEOMED / BMS program? Bill Lynch moved to support the transfer of student to Dr. Yin's lab, Lisa Cooper seconded. Move to clarify the policy on what constitutes junior faculty status, Lisa Cooper seconded.

Meeting adjourned.