

BMS Graduate Program Committee

July 16, 2014

RGEB-330

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Lisa Cooper, June Yun, Gary Meszaros, Yanqiao Zhang, Nichole Foster, Walt Horton and Sam Crish

Meeting called to order.

Discussed the June 18, 2014 meeting minutes; minor edit to change the name of Sam Crish to Werner Geldenhuys as Werner has a TA position available for one of two students. Motion to approve by June Yun and seconded by Sam Crish. All are in favor, unanimous approval.

Discussed Teaching Assignments; if there is no need at NEOMED for students to teach then we will switch out like we did for 2013/2014. Discussed to finalize our teaching assignments for academic year 2014-2015; motion to approve by Sam Crish and seconded by Yanqiao Zhang, all in favor, unanimous approval. Margaret Weakland will send Judy at BMS the spreadsheet with our Teaching Assignments listed out.

Discussed policy for financial support of NEOMED-based BMS graduate students. Sam Crish moves to approve and Yanqiao Zhang seconds it. All in favor, none opposed unanimous approval. We are currently waiting on news from administration on the 50% stipend support for the students who are helping teach professional courses at NEOMED.

Discussed the role of Dean, College of Graduate Studies on the BMS Graduate Program Committee. Dr. Horton has thoughts about his position as Dean to come off of the BMS Graduate Program Committee; should he be at these meetings as, Dean, he describes that the relationship between chair and Dean should remain very strong. The representation of the committee as a whole works well. The chair position is now officially represented at the Executive Committee at Kent State University. Dr. Galazyuk and Dean Horton will continue meeting on a regular basis to discuss the progress of the committee in developing a strong BMS program at NEOMED.

Miscellaneous:

Nichole Foster asked about the wellness center here at NEOMED. She was inquiring that if a student can be transferred (from KSU to NEOMED campus) in order to use NEOMED's new facilities versus using the rec center at KSU. This fee is included in the student fee structure for students on the NEOMED campus; reach out to John Wray (NEOMED), Jim Blank and Eric Mintz as to what we are allowed to do.

Alexander Galazyuk discussed having a BMS graduate faculty meeting. When should we plan for it?

Have it as an on-going basis as necessary. Let's look into scheduling it right before our next scheduled BMS Graduate Program Committee meeting which is Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Details will be sent out about this meeting; will invite NEOMED faculty.

Meeting adjourned.