## BMS Graduate Program Committee MINUTES June 25, 2013

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

Meeting called to order

Minutes Approved (April 23, 2013)

Discussed teaching assignments: The information gathered from the spreadsheet was from the advisors and the students. In the future, this information should be coming from the course directors with the advisors included as part of the discussion.

The Cosmeceuticals course is not enough credit hours to use as a teaching assignment for a student, it will need to be supplemented with additional assignments.

Specific student assignments are still under discussions:

Dr. Safadi has his student scheduled to TA Cosmeceuticals. Greg Sondag will need to TA Structure and Function at KSU. Amanda Klein will TA at KSU this academic year

Pending clarifying the specific changes noted above the BMS committee approved the TA assignments for 2013/2014 (Motion for approval: Dr. June Yun, second: Dr. Sam Crish, Approved)

Discussion of a new graduate student organization. Nichole Foster briefed the committee about a new graduate student organization led by Ryan Longenecker. The goal is to promote communication between different graduate programs and support the students. There will be service opportunities for this group.

Discussed exploring the idea of creating a pool of dollars to "buy out" time for TAs. Dr. Galazyuk will reach out to Dr. Mintz at the KSU/BMS office. Also discussed the draft TA policy that Dr. Galazyuk created and we discussed at today's meeting; please go through the document and send any comments and/or edits to Margaret Weakland, will update accordingly and bring new version to the next committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting, July 30, 2013