

BMS Graduate Program Committee

May 22, 2014

RGEB-330

9 a.m.

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Sam Crish, Lisa Cooper, Walt Horton, June Yun, Gary Meszaros, Nichole Foster and Margaret Weakland (support)

Meeting called to order.

Dr. Horton reported that we, the BMS Graduate Program Committee, has received approval for \$ 42,700 to support a slot for a graduate student. This money is currently pending the June 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Upon final approval the money will be allocated after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Breakdown of the budgeted amount is as listed; \$22,000 for stipend (post-candidacy rate), \$7,700 for fringe benefits and the remaining \$13,000 is for tuition remission for graduate students throughout their time in the program.

Dr. Galazyuk noted his discussion with the College of Deans for the support of BMS graduate students; specifically those students who are on grant dollars and are needed to fulfill a TA in one of our many labor intensive courses. Discussion will continue at the Dean's meeting next month. He is requesting \$ 160,000 from the colleges of medicine and pharmacy to cover expenses for Teaching Assignment related expenses for our BMS graduate students.

Next was approval for our April 16, 2014 minutes. Motion to approve from Dr. Sam Crish and seconded by Dr. Meszaros. Unanimous approval. Minutes approved and will be posted to web-site.

Discussed proposed teaching assignments; document was emailed to all committee members. Discussed a noted teaching assignment that one of our students will be pursuing. Dr. Sam Crish will get additional information about the teaching assignment for Cosmeceuticals/3D Computer Modeling before committee approves teaching assignments. Dr. Crish will email committee as to what he finds out. Approval of Teaching Assignments will be moved to next meeting. It was asked that all committee members talk to their colleagues about the process of how the TA form/process is working.

Development of Policy for Financial Support for BMS Students. Hand-outs were provided to committee members. Discussion started around document and edits were beginning to take place; "advisor, department or other funds" will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> last paragraph. Advisor would be required to fund a student after two years, an expectation that their grant would / could pay for. What defines a stipend; everything but tuition, including fringe benefits. Upon further discussion and editing of current document; document looks good, how should we disseminate it; send draft policy to faculty with a due date of two (2) weeks, and submit any and all comments to Margaret Weakland.

Request from Dr. Rosen to extend tuition support for her student for academic year 2014-2015. Dr. Rosen submitted coursework information and current grades for Jennifer Gay and that was shared with the committee. Upon discussion Dr. Sam Crish moved to approve tuition support for student and Dr. Yun

seconded it. All in favor, none opposed, unanimous approval for tuition support for student, Jennifer Gay.

Miscellaneous:

Some of our BMS students have had their library permission taken away from them, while others still have their library permission. Both of these students are current and active BMS students; why do their permissions differ. Dean Horton will write an e-mail to library to find out what the issue is.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting ... June 18, 2014