

BMS Graduate Program Committee

May 24, 2016

Room #330 in the RGEB

2:00 p.m.

Present: Alexander Galazyuk, Bill Lynch, Lisa Cooper, Sam Crish, Yanqiao Zhang, Gary Meszaros and Margaret Weakland (support)

Meeting called to order.

Alex Galazyuk asked for motion to approve the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Sam Crish motioned to approve and was seconded by Lisa Cooper; all in favor; unanimous approval. March 16, 2016 meeting minutes are approved.

Discussed the development of a new policy around student progress as they move toward the completion of their degree. Bill Lynch briefly stated the previous discussions around this policy. Alex Galazyuk suggested to begin final discussion of the major points in the document on the subsequent committee meeting. Discussed the current updated document, Margaret will send entire document to committee to review once again and request edits and comments before our next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### Non-thesis Master's program at BMS

Alex talked about Kent State suggesting to establish a new non-thesis M.S. degree program. This program will be targeting student from the Middle-East who are seeking for a non-thesis M.S. degree to improve their chances of being accepted in medical schools in the U.S. These students will be paid from their home country. Comments that were across the table; post-baccalaureate option if they take courses; here they pay us. We're looking at approximately 7-10 students to be accepted annually. Alex Galazyuk discussed developing a reward mechanism for faculty who will be teaching classes for the program; compensation, not as easy to do verses to actually compensate. Following concerns/questions have been outlined and need to be addressed before to make our decision about the program. What type of classes will the Middle-Eastern students be taking? Move many NEOMED courses from 8 week to 16 week schedule may dramatically affect course scheduling for the program. Portion-based; KSU/NEOMED faculty, team taught may complicate money flow between KSU and NEOMED for teaching compensation. How many students will be in the program; this may be a concern based on our judgement. Alex Galazyuk and Ernie Freeman will talk discuss these and other related questions.

#### Teaching Assignments

Agenda item of Teaching Assignments for academic year, 2016-2017. Margaret has reached out

to our course directors asking who they'd like as TAs; information has been received and noted. Also send request to our students asking their top 3 preferences for a TA, deadline is this Friday to receive information from students. Margaret handed out a draft of what we currently have a TAs for upcoming academic year. Note: BMB is now split into two courses; we still have BMB (now focused for our medical students and also Foundations in Neuroscience, focusing on our pharmacy students). The pharmacy portion of BMB; Foundations in Neuroscience does not have a big lab component, they have workshops. Sam Crish will need 1 TA, Gina Wilson. Sam discussed with Charles Taylor, Gina has enough TA hours. Gina will be moved to 50% of Sam's grant and she will only have to TA ½ of the time. Discussed whether a student is allowed to be paid from a class budget, as Gina will be teaching in Foundations of Neuroscience. Sam and Alex will discuss further with Charles Taylor and Betty Gowan.

Bill Lynch questioned the amount of documented hours a TA must have through the OBR. Margaret has this information, will send out to committee. Need to adhere to these guidelines, especially if we have paying for student and they are not on a grant.

Miscellaneous:

Discussed Andrew Gross who is accepted to BMS program starting academic year 2016-2017. Andrew is a medical student at NEOMED and now a PhD student in Rebecca's lab, 3 year program. Andrew has taken most of the core coursework that is required of a 1<sup>st</sup> year student. Following our new student support policy Dr. German is expected to put Andrew on her grant as 50% and then Andrew will get the other 50% from NEOMEDS administration because he will TA one of the professional courses at NEOMED. Bill Lynch made a motion to treat Andrew as a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student, Sam Crish seconded. Abstained, Lisa Cooper and Alex Galazyuk. It means that Andrew Gross stipend will not be covered by our BMS funds during his three years of graduate education.

Meeting adjourned.