

BMS Graduate Program Committee

September 16, 2015

Room #330 in the RGEB

3 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order.

Discussed academic year 2016-2017 where NEOMEDs administration (Dean's for College of Medicine and College of Pharmacy) will contribute/pay 50% of student stipend to our graduate student account for those students who will be fulfilling their teaching assignment; they essentially teach our medicine and pharmacy students certain courses.

Students getting 100% support but in their 3rd year the administration will in put 50% and their PI will put in the other half (50%); these monies will go into a new NEOMED index to be set up shortly. This will then be our operating budget.

Years ago if a student fulfilled a teaching assignment they were covered 100%, comment from Dr. Bill Lynch. Dr. Alex Galazyuk gave us a current amount in the account, \$168, 895.06; no monies have been spent. Beginning 2013 our BMS program and NEOMED have received \$22,000 annually from our administration. This amount is included in the above number.

Developing better strategies to increase the number and quality of BMS applicants. Establishing a MD/Ph.D. program; no cost-share of a student. How much will tuition be? Sam Crish will get specifics for tuition and get out pricing. Dr. Yanqiao Zhang commented on reaching out to international students. Dr. Sam Crish commented on reaching out to Baldwin Wallace/ Wooster/Hiram; get them literature about our programs; set up a conference/seminar at these institutions and network. Dr. Lisa Cooper commented on using some monies that we have to put together an undergraduate summer research program with KSU's BMS department and the focus groups that we have here at NEOMED. Dr. Yanqiao Zhang stated that the IMS department has a SURF (summer undergraduate research fellowship) program funded by the American Heart Association (AHA), the senior class of the STEM school, looking for research internship. And as previously touched on; explore Baldwin Wallace and Wooster with local KSU BMS students. Dr. Sam Crish commented that a PI can cover the research program and do a small research grant to support undergraduate research. Dr. Yanqiao Zhang talked about the pipeline to admission process; issues of minimum requirements, are the requirements too low or can we have special circumstances? Also said, PI's should be more proactive to get students. Dr. Bill Lynch commented that students are getting kicked out of the program at KSU if their funding gets cut; our members had not heard of this.

Meeting adjourned.