

BMS Graduate Program Committee

September 17, 2014

RGE-330 in the RGEB

3 p.m.

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Yanqiao Zhang, Sam Crish, Nichole Foster, Lisa Cooper, June Yun and Margaret Weakland (support)

Meeting called to order.

Dr. Galazyuk discussed the new index that was recently created for the BMS Graduate Program Committee; index # is 23091 and currently has \$ 30,822.00 in it. This money will be controlled by the committee.

Approval of August minutes. Motion to approve by Dr. Sam Crish and seconded by Dr. Zhang; all in favor, unanimous approval.

Discussed some inconsistencies to the financial support policy. There was an issue of perception from our recent BMS faculty/student meeting as to how our faculty perceived the policy. Dr. Yun shared a document with suggested changes, document was discussed, and Dr. Sam Crish had suggested changes; TA opportunities available at KSU for year 3, 4 and 5. Dr. Yun will check on verbiage from current policy and see how we need to change it. Dr. Galazyuk asked committee to review once more and send changes to Dr. Yun and will review once more and vote on it at our next meeting.

Teaching assignments will be based on individual course needs; discussion included such that maybe our 2nd year students be a priority over a student in year 3, 4 or 5 in the program. Discussed that teaching assignments be based on individual course needs; Dr. Yun will check on verbiage via our TA policy, will discuss further and put it on agenda as voting item.

Dr. Zhang asked a question as to whether a 1st year student can be put on a grant and still fulfill a teaching assignment if they are still taking courses. He is asking if a PI would be able to fully fund with a grant. After further discussion it was agreed to not put in policy and that we will visit this when we come upon it.

Discussed developing a procedure to rotate new members into the BMS Graduate Program Committee. During discussion we asked Nichole Foster as to how the students call-out for a committee or council nomination. Nichole said they had created a policy; she will send to Margaret Weakland and will be distributed to the committee. Dr. Galazyuk said, "Let's focus on this now, especially if we want to start with rotating in new members January 1st."

The BMS Graduate Program Committee has received \$ 42,000 from administration and will continue receiving this amount yearly. We cannot put this money in the newly made BMS index of # 23091. We have the funds in the index # 23091 as extra funds; will collect monies from PI's who have paid for their students from their grant/department funds. After this transaction, we may have an extra \$ 130,000 in this index; Marie Baka hasn't moved money yet for/from PI's and departments.

Dr. Galazyuk updated us on a BMS graduate program index used by Dean Horton; this account currently has \$ 499,143.61. These monies are not available to support new graduate students and can be used in case of emergency and /or if we owe Kent State University at the end of the fiscal year. This index is controlled by the Dean, not the BMS Graduate Program Committee. Questions were asked as to why the Dean has control over it and whether we can invite him to our next meeting to discuss this matter. After further discussion it was asked by Dr. Galazyuk to send all questions to him and he will forward them onto Dr. Horton, questions are due to Dr. Galazyuk by 5 p.m. this Friday. If questions are not answered by Dr. Horton, the committee members can ask their questions Dr. Horton personally at one of the future BMS Graduate Program Committee meetings.

Miscellaneous:

Dr. Sam Crish asked if there was any movement on whether the BMS students can have access to the wellness center. If BMS students using wellness they will have to pay the enrollment fee. Per a discussion Dr. Galazyuk had with Dr. Mintz said he would pay membership only if student is post-candidacy or post-prospectus.

Dr. Sam Crish asked question, "does KSU faculty cost-share (for years 3-5)? Dr. Galazyuk will follow-up on this with Dr. Mintz.

Dr. Galazyuk spoke to Dr. Susman about TA support and had a meeting with Council of Deans (COD). He will be meeting with COD again in the close future to continue this discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting, October 15, 2014.