BMS Graduate Program Committee Meeting September 23, 2021

Meeting minutes

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Gabbie Frame, Jesse Young, Jeff Mellott, Bill Lynch, Takhar Kasumov, Nona Hose

Absent: Priya Raman

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Approval of prior meeting minutes	The meeting minutes from the August 2021 meeting were approved.	
2.	BMS Program Updates from KSU	Dr. Young shared that Dr. Coolen from KSU is conducting monthly meetings of the Executive Committee to improve communication. Dr. Young and Dr. Raman serve on the Executive Committee. Currently there is no chair for Physiology. A call for nominations was Distributed but none were received. Dr. Michael Lehman at KSU has accepted the role as chair. There has not been much interest in Physiology in recent years among new students and the curriculum is outdated. If there are any faculty at NEOMED have strong feelings about this, let Dr. Young know and he will notify Dr. Lehman. Program reviews for each sub-program will begin. This will affect only the program chairs. IDP's will be required form all students and advisors.	
3.	Virtual Townhall Meeting	The BMS handbook will be updated. Dr. Coolen and Dr. Mintz are hosting a virtual townhall meeting for BMS faculty from all three institutions.	
		The meeting was adjourned.	
_	enda items for discussion at future etings		