

BMS Graduate Program Committee Meeting

April 26, 2022

Meeting minutes

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Jesse Young, Jeff Mellott, Liya Yin, Nicole Schapker, Lisa Cooper, Takhar Kasumov, Nona Hose

Absent: Priya Raman

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of prior meeting minutes	The meeting minutes from the March 2022 meeting were approved.	
2. BMS Program Updates from KSU	<p>Dr. Young reported that eleven students were admitted into the program. Two of them have committed to NEOMED labs – Dr. Y. Zhang and Dr. Wong.</p> <p>It seems as though the best way to get a graduate student is to have a pre-existing relationship with them prior to them applying to the program.</p> <p>There are 80 faculty members across the BMS program between the three institutes, and only eleven students were recruited.</p>	
3. Search Committee Update	Dr. Galazyuk shared that the last candidate presents later today. The committee will make a recommendation and send it to Dr. Eric Mintz. The Dean of the college of Arts and Sciences will make the final decision. Dr. Galazyuk shared a brief summary of each of the applicants/candidates. Faculty will provide feedback to the search committee.	
4. Neha Bhavnani travel award request	<p>Dr. Young shared with the committee that graduate student, Neha Bhavnani, has requested travel funding to attend a conference, although she is not the first author of the research project. Both Neha and her advisor, Dr. Raman, feel she was an equal contributor to the research and would benefit from attending the conference.</p> <p>After discussing the request, the committee voted to support the presentation of the research at the conference for no more than one student.</p>	
5. MD-PhD program in BMS	<p>Dr. Galazyuk presented the idea of a MD-PhD program that would exist within the BMS program. This new program would be supported by BMS funds that are accrued as a result of the cost share program and would increase the number of students in the program.</p> <p>Dr. Galazyuk share a handout with the committee detailing the flow of the program and the breakdown of funding for the student.</p> <p>Year 1 and 2 - student completes M1 and M2 years – student funded.</p> <p>Years 3-5 – student completes BMS PhD degree requirements – the PI pays the stipend and the BMS program pays the BMS tuition</p> <p>Years 6 and 7 – student completes M3 and M4 years – the BMS program pays the tuition to the COM.</p>	

	<p>For today's meeting, this is a discussion item to determine if the committee would like to pursue this program.</p> <p>Questions from the committee:</p> <p>Q - How much will it actually cost to have one of these students? A – It will cost the PI \$24,000 for three years. Or the student could apply for a grant.</p> <p>Q – Will the students need to take the coursework for BMS? A – Yes, some of their COM courses could count towards their PhD</p> <p>Q – Could one of these students still choose to work in a KSU lab? A – Yes, they could.</p> <p>Dr. Mellott suggested surveying the BMS faculty to see how many faculty would want this type of a student.</p> <p>Dr. young stated a good first step would be to reach out to NEOMED BMS faculty to see if there is an interest in a program like this.</p> <p>The discission was tabled in the interest of time.</p>	
	<p>The meeting was adjourned.</p>	
<p>Agenda items for discussion at future meetings</p>		