

BMS Graduate Program Committee Meeting

August 27, 2020

Meeting minutes

Present: Sam Crish, Alex Galazyuk, Emily Simons, Jesse Young, Charles Thodeti, Takhar Kasumov, Priya Raman, and Nona Hose

Absent:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of prior meeting minutes	The meeting minutes from the June 2020 meeting were approved by acclamation.	
2. Student Healthcare Reimbursement policy revisions	<p>The committee reviewed the revisions that were made at the July meeting. The committee decided to add that students need to provide written declaration stating they do not have insurance through another source. If the student enrolls in another insurance plan, they need to inform the committee.</p> <p>Dr. Galazyuk made a motion to approve the policy with the above-mentioned changes. Dr. Thodeti seconded it and the policy was approved with changes.</p>	Nona will make the appropriate changes.
3. Teaching Assistant Assignments	All but one student has been assigned to a teaching assistantship. Dr. Galazyuk reminded the committee that Neurobiology labs have not officially been approved yet.	
4. Grant proposal language regarding clarification of the relationship between KSU and NEOMED where BMS students are concerned.	<p>Dr. Crish shared that at the last administrative meeting he and Dr. Young spoke with Drs. Schmidt and Ritter as well as Rebecca Hayes and Marissa Shepherd about the relationship with Kent State University. The BMS students are currently considered consultants for grant purposes.</p> <p>The question was asked if they could be made NEOMED employees?</p> <p>Dr. Crish stated that he thinks if they don't need to be employees, then no. the program is already complicated as it is, so they should just be kept as consultants. Also, if they are changed from consultants to employees, the accounting procedures will have to change too. Currently, we only pay the stipend. KSU pays the tuition and fringes.</p> <p>Dr. Young shared that Rebecca Hayes is concerned that a reviewer would have questions about this when reviewing a grant proposal.</p> <p>Dr. Crish suggested keeping "consultants" the same and removing the statement about tuition and benefits.</p>	
Topic for a future meeting	<p>Dr. Crish shared his thoughts that If the program received funding form the colleges or form indirect costs in the future, we will aske them to cover these things. He had a good meeting with Eugen Mawad and Darcie Flower regarding funding the teaching assistants. They made recommendations about how to structure a proposal for Dr. Langell and Mary Taylor to present in the Fall, around October.</p> <p>Dr. Galazyuk shared that since he was the on the committee in 2004 and now again, the most difficult part of the BLS program is the funds flow. When talking to administration about cost share for</p>	

	students who are TA-ing. If students are supported by the program, the administration should not pay for them. We can't ask for administration to pay for TA-ships for students who are supported by the program.	
	The meeting was adjourned.	
Agenda items for discussion at future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TA funding be colleges	