

BMS Graduate Program Committee Meeting
December 17, 2020

Meeting minutes

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

Guests: Christian Ritter

Absent:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of prior meeting minutes	The meeting minutes from the November 2020 meeting were approved by acclamation.	
2. Associate Director and Vice-Chair stipends	<p>Dr. Crish shared that in his opinion, stipends for the Associate Director and Vice-Chair of the committee should not come from the BMS program's budget, but from the same place the other programs are paid from. He also stated this decision does not need to be made at this meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Ritter clarified for the committee that the funds used for the initial payment for the other program directors was a one-time deal. Funds for stipends moving forward will be requested through the ZBB process and will be approved (or not) by the University.</p> <p>Dr. Crish added that the role of the committee needs to be determined concretely.</p>	
3. BMS Committee member election results	<p>Nona Hose shared the results of the election with the committee. New faculty members are Dr. Jeff Mellott and Dr. Priya Raman. The new student member is Gabrielle Frame. All newly elected members have accepted their place on the committee. Nona will inform the NEOMED-based BMS faculty and students of the results of the election.</p> <p>Dr. Raman asked about the process of electing a new chair. Does Dr. Jesse Young just step up as the new chair? Dr. Crish explained that the first item on the agenda for the committee meeting in January is to elect the new chair and vice-chair.</p>	
4. Website update	The committee was asked to review the BMS page on Kent.edu and offer suggestions for revisions.	
	The meeting was adjourned.	
Agenda items for discussion at future meetings		