

BMS Graduate Program Committee Meeting

January 25, 2022

Meeting minutes

Present: Alex Galazyuk, Jesse Young, Jeff Mellott, Priya Raman, Takhar Kasumov, Liya Yin, Nona Hose

Absent: Nicole Schapker

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of prior meeting minutes	The meeting minutes from the December 2021 meeting were approved.	
2. BMS Program Updates from KSU	<p>Dr. Young shared updates from KSU with the committee. The Executive Committee is meeting monthly now. Applications for enrollment to the program are being reviewed. There is a large number of applications this year.</p> <p>KSU is utilizing Slate to process applications, which has been cumbersome. Donna Warner is downloading the applications and will distribute them as has been the practice in previous years. Program chairs should be reaching out to solicit reviewers.</p> <p>Interview weekend will be the first weekend in March. It will be held at KSU this year. International interviews will be virtual; domestic interviews will be in-person.</p> <p>A new committee is being formed to hire a new director for the BMS program. Dr. Galazyuk will serve on the committee as a NEOMED representative. The committee will make recommendations to the Dean of Arts and Sciences.</p>	
3. BMS Graduate Program Committee Membership	<p>When the vote went out for the 2022 election, we asked for two faculty instead of one. The policy states the committee is made up of sex faculty members. The committee needs to decide if it wants to change the policy to seven or inform the candidate with the least amount of the votes that they are not needed for this year.</p> <p>Dr. Galazyuk suggested that the committee not change the policy but rather make this year an exception and only recruit for one new member next year. Dr. Raman agreed with Dr. Galazyuk's suggestion.</p> <p>Dr. Galazyuk made a motion to increase the membership to seven for 2022 only and only recruit one new committee member in the 2023 election. Dr. Raman seconded the motion. The temporary increase in committee membership was approved.</p> <p>Dr. Raman suggested if the committee ever gets to the point that they want to revise the membership, making the members hip equal among the departments should be considered. Currently there are two from IMS, 1 from Pharm Sci and 4 from Anatomy and Neurobiology, including the chair. Dr. Galazyuk pointed out that since the program now has policies in place, equal membership among departments is no longer needed. Dr. Raman pointed out that the committee is the voice of the of the faculty from each department.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Young pointed out that the election process makes this difficult. The committee would have to review the way members are added. This topic will be tabled until future meetings.</p> <p>Nicole Schapker was elected as the student representative to the committee. She is currently doing fieldwork in Uganda and will begin attending meetings in March 2022.</p>	
	<p>The meeting was adjourned.</p>	
<p>Agenda items for discussion at future meetings</p>		