

BMS Graduate Program Committee Meeting

May 24, 2022

Meeting minutes

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

Absent: Liya Yin

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of prior meeting minutes	The meeting minutes from the April 2022 meeting were approved.	
2. Update on old business	<p>Dr. Young reported that the committee decided to only award travel funds to one of the co-authors of the research to attend the conference that Neha Bhavnani had requested funding to attend as the co-author.</p> <p>Dr. Young shared that the student advisor assignment for Dr. Yin's lab was approved.</p> <p>Dr. Young reminded the committee that a discussion was started at the last meeting regarding an MD/PhD program within the BMS program. Dr. Galazyuk presented the plan to the committee. The committee decided to send out a survey to determine the level of interest in such a program among the NEOMED-based BMS faculty before moving forward to talk with higher levels of administration at KSU and NEOMED.</p> <p>Dr. Raman is concerned that this program could cause NEOMED's administration to not support the IPM program. Dr. Galazyuk shared that he and other faculty met and Dr. Langell agreed that the University needs to invest more into the IPM program.</p> <p>Dr. Raman believes that we should invest more into the IPM program. Currently, administration is interested in IPM, but this may change down the road. Funding is a current barrier to the exiting MD/PhD program in IPM. If the BMS program is going to pay the tuition for BMS/MD-PhD students, why would a student want to apply to IPM.</p>	
3. Update regarding the search for a new Director of BMS	Dr. Galazyuk shared that the only update to provide is Dr. Eric Mintz reported they are awaiting a decision from the Dean at KSU.	
4. Transportation for international students to NEOMED from KSU	<p>Dr. Galazyuk shared with the committee that POARTA wants an absurd amount of money to provide transportation to and from NEOMED/KSU. Dr. Raman pointed out that Dr. Yin had suggested reimbursing senior students who are providing rides.</p> <p>In Dr. Yin's absence, this item was tabled to the next meeting.</p>	
	Dr. Young will be on vacation mid-late June. He asked the committee if the June meeting should be moved or if Dr. Mellott should mediate the meeting in his absence. The committee decided if a meeting were necessary, Dr. Mellott could mediate it.	

	The meeting was adjourned.	
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