

Minutes
GSBS at RWJMS Executive Council
April 2, 2015

Presiding: Dr. James Millonig

Present: Drs. Janet Alder, Debabrata Banerjee, Cliff Weisel, Jason Richardson, Marc Gartenberg, Rick Padgett, David Shreiber, Paul Copeland, Nancy Walworth, John Pintar and Student representative, Na Cai

Absent: Smita Varia, Huizhou Fan, Ramsey Foty, Kenneth Reuhl, Kiran Madura, Drew Vershon

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Student Affairs:

Student Affairs information is redacted in accordance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Written Qual tracking form was unanimously approved. This form will allow all students to be monitored more closely so that they can stay on an appropriate timeline.

New Course approval, Ethical Scientific Conduct Refresher was unanimously approved. Responsible Conduct of Research is required by the NIH every 4 years and once per career stage so 5th year PhD students and postdocs will be required to take the refresher which meets every month for 2 hours.

The Program Directors were asked to have the IDP meetings with their 2nd year students. Ideally at the meeting should be the student, advisor and the program director. The program directors were asked to nudge their 4th year students to contact the GSBS for their meeting.

ORCID – ID Implementation. Students can sign up now rather than wait until RU implements the use of it. If all students have an ORCID account that will also allow GSBS to track the students after they graduate and have more accurate lists of their publications.

GSNB is expanding its writing program to offer 6 courses. There will be 10 – 15 students in each course. The course will be for 0 credits/no tuition. The program will be starting July 1, 2015. There may be a selection process such that each graduate program can have a certain number of students take it. There are classes for paper, thesis and grant writing.

Expanded Strategic plan as presented to senate was handed out to the GSBS program directors. The Division of Graduate Studies plan was presented to the Rutgers senate and questions about the plan were raised. These questions must be addressed before it can move forward and be approved.

The minutes of the GSBS at RWJMS Executive council will be placed on our website so as to be as transparent as possible about our discussions. An email will be sent to faculty letting them know that the minutes are posted but the email will only be sent once.

AAU publicity of Rutgers grad program. Jerry Kukor wants to make a glossy book that includes one page from each graduate program which will be used to promote Rutgers. There is a list of criteria that are being considered for what will be expected of graduate schools that are in the AAU. We should be aware of these criteria as we move forward.

Evelyn Okeke received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and Katelyn Marshall received an Honorable Mention for the NSF Fellowship in April 2015. Both Evelyn and Katelyn are in the laboratory of Kiran Madura.