

Minutes
GSBS at RWJMS Executive Council
January 15, 2014

Presiding: Dr. James Millonig

Present: Drs. Janet Alder, Smita Varia, Monica Roth, Nancy Walworth, David Shreiber, Rick Padgett, Marc Gartenberg, Cliff Weisel, Debabrata Banerjee,

Student Representative: Melvili Cintron

Absent: Drs. John Pintar, Huizhou Fan, Kenneth Reuhl, Drew Vershon, Paul Copeland, Ramsey Foty and Abram Gabriel

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes of December were approved unanimously.

Student Affairs

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

The following Faculty was unanimously approved for GSBS membership:

Rajeev Mehta - Associate member

Restructuring – The working group has been meeting. Discussions are ongoing with Drs. Scotto, Strom, Edwards and Kukor regarding the structure of the graduate school. They are in agreement as to the general plan but the details including financial system need to be worked out.

Individual Development plans are underway. Dr. Langer who has experience with IDPs will be having a test run at the end of January using the IDP we have created based on the Scripps Institute IDP during Essential Skills for the first year Molecular Biosciences students. Feedback will be given by the students in March in hopes to launch to all students beginning Fall 2014. Plans are to eventually have the IDP put online through Sakai so the student and its IDP committee can have access to it. The IDPs' can be personalized to fit each program. Suggestions were by members of the Executive council on how to make it seems less overwhelming for the students.

Plagiarism – Dr. Shreiber gave a tutorial on the use of turnitin. He will be sending out a link so the each program has access to his tutorial. He suggests that each student create a Sakai site of his/her own just for this purpose. He is also able to keep an electronic version of each student's thesis proposal and dissertation by using this method. Some programs are already using turnitin but it should be implemented in all programs.