

Minutes
GSBS at RWJMS Executive Council
June 11, 2014

Presiding: Dr. James Millonig

Present: Drs. Janet Alder, Smita Varia, Cliff Weisel, Huizhou Fan, Nancy Walworth, Rick Padgett, Ramsey Foty, and Marc Gartenberg

Absent: Drs. Drew Vershon, Debabrata Banerjee, Jason Richardson, David Shreiber, Paul Copeland, Kiran Madura, John Pintar, and Abram Gabriel

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

Student Affairs:

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

Average years it takes GSBS students to earn a PhD is 5.5 – 6.

GSBS Website – the GSBS office is planning to update the website and simplify it for students. We would like to highlight student accomplishments, the program directors were asked to send any information to Janet, Smita and/or Jim.

IDP's have been introduced to the 1st and 2nd year students. Meetings to introduce the students to the IDPs have been scheduled for the students beyond their 2nd year. Jim will be going to departmental faculty meetings to educate the faculty about the IDPs as well.

Career Paths – There will be a career panel series once a month in the late afternoon starting in the fall in which professionals from different careers will come tell the students and postdocs what they need to be competitive in the field (e.g. patent bar exam, medical microbiology certificate program). There are also already some shadowing opportunities in education and policy.

Training Grants – need to apply for more training grants hopefully 1 or 2 per cycle. An MSTP and a Neuroscience training program that is translational are in the works. There are other ideas such as a Cancer Pharmacology one, Epigenetics and Structural Biology that could be developed. Dr. Scotto would like to come up with an infrastructure to get these grants maybe even hire someone to help write them. The GSBS office will create a database to assist faculty in filling in the tables that are required for training grants.