

Minutes
GSBS at RWJMS Executive Council
October 2, 2014

Presiding: Dr. James Millonig

Present: Drs. Janet Alder, Sunita Kramer, Ramsey Foty, Rick Padgett, Drew Vershon, Lauren Aleksunes, Marc Gartenberg, Monica Roth, Smita Varia, Paul Copeland, Cliff Weisel, John Pintar, David Shreiber and Student Representative, Na Cai

Absent: Drs. Debabrata Banerjee, Huizhou Fan, Kenneth Reuhl, Nancy Walworth, Jason Richardson, Kiran Madura 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)

Dr. Millonig was very excited to welcome Dr. Sunita Kramer as the Assistant Director of CDB and the newest member of the GSBS at RWJMS Executive Council

Restructuring – The Association of American Universities (AAU) wants one Graduate School. Strom and Barchi who are reporting to whomever is at the highest level want one Grad School with 2 divisions. Progressing towards Fall 2015 start. BME may stay a joint PhD program and will keep the MS program separate.

The restructuring has made some matters worse especially for the students and it was asked that the Program Directors alert GSBS to the problems.

The funding is going to stay the same as it is right now and those coming over will adopt the current GSBS model.

Best/iJOBS (Interdisciplinary Job Opportunities for Biomedical Scientists) program goals are to train students and postdoc for non academic professions and customize programming for industry.

IDPs are up and going. Tracking is being done thru Sakai. Newark is using our form as well and GSBS is requiring it of all students. In addition, joint GSBS and GSNB programs are requiring IDPs. Outside members from industry are being sought.

Updating the Annual Committee meeting form was unanimously approved to simplify it since some parts become redundant with the IDPs.

Training Grants – Neuroscience and the MD/PhD program are applying for training grants. The GSBS office is working on a database to track students so the information needed to apply is readily available as we push for more applications. It is possible that the NIH will not allow

graduate students to be funded off of R01s anymore and therefore the only way to fund them would be through training grant.

Fellowship incentive award – GSBS based offers the student \$2,000 extra a year if they secure their own funding.

Seminar Series (Dr. Padgett) Seminars are being held Thursdays at 4 in RWJMS, Research Tower, V10. Plans are underway to have the seminars move around to be fair to the students in New Brunswick. It is offered P/F, 0 credit.