

**Graduate Studies Committee/BSOM
Minutes of the April 2009 Meeting**

Present: Drs. Franklin, Kasperek, Dar, Hoffman, Murashov, Moore, Lehman, Russo, Mr. Chappell, Ms. Searcey, and Ms. Karschner

Absent: Dr. Verbanac

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 2009 meeting were approved as read.

Reports

Dr. Kasperek:

- ❖ Assessments all in except pharmacology need more work. Assessments due to the Dean on March 13, 2009.
- ❖ Remissions due to the graduate school by May 1.
- ❖ The MS program request is still at GA.
- ❖ Katrina will send out the announcement for the student Year End Celebration/Awards Day scheduled for May 1, 2009.

Dr. Dar:

- ❖ The GSAB has established at 2 Task Forces (admittance criteria and retention). Dr. Dar is a member of the admission criteria task force. The criteria task force is looking at changing GRE score requirements to 30% instead of 1000. The retention task force is recommending that if grades drop below 3.0 the student will have 1 semester to bring up their GPA.

Dr. Lehman:

Thirty-five stimulus packages have been submitted to R&GS with the expectation of 50 total applications.

Ms. Searcey:

Since the remission list deadline is May 1, please send your list of students and funding sources to me by April 27, 2009. Please include new students on the list. Don't forget to include the PI and expiration date for grants. Also, in-state tuition, medical insurance, and fees will be paid by the same source as the assistantship.

DSA:

Nothing to report.

New Business

Student Poaching: Dr. Murashov asked if anything can be done about other students taking our students after the department has invested several years to the student. The answer is no. The student can change programs at will.

Student Approvals:

Dr. Dar asked for approval to admit a student that had a GRE of 870 and took it again and improved the score to 970. Request was approved by the Committee.

Dr. Kasperek asked for approval to admit a student with a GPA UG of 2.8, GREs of 570 and 700. The request was approved.

Valentine Award:

After discussion the committee resulted in the award going to Melissa Henderson in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology.

Other Business

Dr. Russo if there was interest in research on biological compounds, pre-clinical. Abbott Pharmaceutical will present information to anyone interested on July 10, 2009.

The meeting adjourned.