

**GSBS Standing Committee Reports
For February 13, 2020
Faculty Meeting**

Academic Standards Committee (Dr. Michael Galko, Chair)

The Committee has met 4 times since the last faculty meeting and approved:

- 62 Advisory Committees
- 5 Requests for Secondary Area of Concentration
- 38 Request for Committee changes
- 7 Petitions for M.S. degree Candidacy
- 13 Petitions for Ph.D. Candidacy
- 3 Student plans for resolving academic probation
- 2 Exemptions from first author paper prior to graduation

Note:

During the first meeting of the 2019-2020 Academic year, the ASC members were:

- 1) provided with a list of actions commonly reviewed by the ASC
- 2) made aware of FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) - Federal law that pertains to the release of and access to educational records

Admissions Committee (Dr. Ambro van Hoof, Chair)

- Total PhD applications received: 875
- Total complete PhD applications: 838
- PhD applications reviewed by Admissions Committee: 549
- Interview offers: 150 (including Skype)
 - Declined offer to interview: 3
- Total SMS applications received: 274
- Total complete SMS applications: 269
 - Genetic Counseling: 261
 - Medical Physics: 8
- Total MS in Biomedical Sciences received (to date*): 29

*The Committee will meet on April 14 to review applications to the MS program

For comparison, 810 PhD applicants and 717 complete PhD applications were received for Fall2019. An increase of 8% of total PhD applicants and 17% increase in complete applications were received for Fall 2020.

For comparison, 235 complete SMS applications were received in 2019. 224 Genetic Counseling applications were received, an increase of 17% for 2020. Additionally, 11 Medical Physics SMS applications were received in 2019, a decrease of 27% for 2020.

Curriculum Committee (Dr. Nicholas De Lay, Chair)

1. The Committee had two (2) meetings since the last Faculty meeting in September.
2. Reviewed and approved the following course requests:

Approved 1 New Course:

- GS01 1273: Intro to Circadian Biology (Course Directors: Drs. C. Ribelayga and G. Breton)

Course Request:

- Change of Credit Hour
 - GS11 1142: Population Genetics (Course Director, Dr. Yunxin Fu)

3. Discussed twelve (12) GSBS courses that will undertake review.

- Major Course Review (9 courses)
 - a. GS01 1273: Modern Nonparametrics
 - b. GS02 1072: Statistics for Medical Physicists
 - c. GS03 1111: Scientific Writing for Grant Proposals
 - d. GS04 1253: Principles of Genetics and Epigenetics
 - e. GS06 1611: Advanced Topics in Immunology
 - f. GS07 1092: Topics in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
 - g. GS11 1011: Embryology
 - h. GS14 1612: Biostatistics for Life Scientists
 - i. GS21 1232: Translational Sciences: From Bedside to Bench and Back
- Follow-up Course Review (3)
 - a. GS04 1093: The Biology of Cancer Metastasis
 - b. GS13 1024: Molecular Basis of Cell Signaling
 - c. GS14 1024: Systems Neuroscience

4. Presented, discussed, and/or approved the following items.

- a. Committee Charge and Course Review Procedures
- b. Committee assignment of courses for review (major and follow-up)
- c. Distance Learning at GSBS

Membership Committee (Dr. Eugenie Kleinerman, Chair)

The Committee met two times since the last Faculty Meeting on September 2019.

The Committee approved the following:

- 7 applications for Regular Membership
- 6 applications for Associate Membership
- 1 application for Emeritus Membership
- 2 applications for Emeritus Membership were not approved
- 4 applications for reappointment
- 1 application for reappointment with encouragement
- 1 application for reappointment was not approved

Program Directors Committee (Dr. Rebecca Berdeaux, Chair)

The Committee met twice since the last Faculty Meeting and discussed the following topics:

- Program-specific candidacy exams
- Career development at GSBS led by our new assistant director, Dr. Raquel Salinas
- Career development activities at the Program level
- Student recruitment
- Program Annual Progress Reports
- 18 Characteristics of Texas Doctoral Programs report
- Proposed parental leave for GSBS students
- Support for MS students
- Rotation talks
- Secondary program affiliations for students
- Originality of the PhD candidacy proposal
- GSBS candidacy exam prep meeting for students
- Title IX and State Bill 212

Student Scholarship Committee (Dr. Candelaria Gomez-Manzano, Chair)

1. Discussed the 2019 Fall Awards criteria and evaluated 112 applications for 23 different fellowship/scholarships and selected 36 awardees as shown below:

Award Name	Finalists/Winners	Advisor	Program
Andrew Sowell-Wade Huggins Scholarships in Cancer Research	Er-Yen Yen	Dr. Giulio Draetta	CB
	Naveen Ramesh	Dr. Nick Navin	QS
	Daniel Zamler	Dr. Giulio Draetta	CB
	Caitlin Creasy	Dr. Chantale Bernatchez	IMM
Cancer Answers/Sylvan Rodriguez Scholarship	Merve Dede	Dr. Traver Hart	CB
Sylvan Rodriguez Fdtn Scholarship honoring George M. Stancel, PhD	Suman Shrestha	Dr. Rebecca Howell	MP
Ellen Taylor Goldin Legacy Scholarship	Dong-Joo Rhee	Dr. Laurence Court	MP
Gigli Family Endowed Scholarship	Danielle Little	Dr. Jichao Chen	GD
	Kyla Gibney	Dr. Francesco Versace	NS
Jesse B. Heath, Jr. Family Legacy Scholarship	Sanjana Srinivasan	Dr. Giulio Draetta	QS
Investing in Student Futures Fellowship	Michael Clowers	Dr. Seyed Moghaddam	IMM

Mercedes-Benz of West Houston Scholarship	Yating Li	Dr. Cassian Yee	CB
	Jessie Morrill	Dr. Qingchun Tong	BCB
T.C. Hsu Memorial Scholarship	I-Lin Ho	Dr. Giulio Draetta	GE
The Antje Wuelfrath Gee and Harry Gee, Jr. Family Legacy Award	Xu Zhang	Dr. Fabricio Do Monte	NS
George M. Stancel, Ph.D. Fellowship in the Biomedical Sciences	Erika Flores	Dr. Anne-Marie Krachler	MMG
	Pedram Honarpisheh	Dr. Louise McCullough	NS
Steve Lasher and Janiece Longoria Graduate Student Award	Fatma Yasar	Dr. Jian Hu	CB
R.W. Butcher Achievement Award	Sunada Khadka	Dr. Florian Muller	CB
Sam Taub and Beatrice Burton Endowed Fellowship in Vision Disease	Melissa Franch	Dr. Valentin Dragoi	NS
Wei Yu Family Endowed Scholarship	Samantha Debes	Dr. Valentin Dragoi	NS
Roberta M. and Jean M. Worsham Endowed Fellowship	Jian Xiong	Dr. Michael Zhu	BCB
City Federation of Women's Clubs Endowed Scholarship in the Biomedical Sciences	Joshua Gray	Dr. Steven Millward	MP
Ray Meyn Scholarship for Cancer Research	Jiexi Li	Dr. Ronald DePinho	CB
The Fadine Jackson Roquemore Scholarship in Cancer Research	Tucker Netherton	Dr. Laurence Court	MP
Ralph B. Arlinghaus, Ph.D. Scholarship	Cheng-En Hsieh	Dr. Michael Curran	CB
Floyd Haar, M.D., Endowed Memorial Research Award in Memory of Freda Haar	Dhwani Rupani	Dr. Andrew Rhim	CB
Dr. John J. Kopchick Fellowships	Deborah Silverman	Dr. Patrick Hwu	IMM
	Walaa Kattan	Dr. John Hancock	CB
	Josephine Darpolor	Dr. Raghu Kalluri	CB

	Medina Colic	Dr. Traver Hart	QS
	Brian Anderson	Dr. Kristy Brock	MP
	Brigid McDonald	Dr. Clifton Fuller	MP
	Nathaniel Berg	Dr. Holger Eltzschig	BCB
	Brittany Jewell	Dr. Dung-Fang Lee	CRB
Charlene Kopchick Fellowship	Elia Lopez	Dr. Terry Walters	BCB

Other Awards (Nominees):

Award Name	Nominees	Advisor	Program
Tzu Chi Scholarship Award for Excellence	Safia Essien	Dr. George Eisenhoffer	GE
	Jovanka Gencel Augusto	Dr. Gigi Lozano	GE
Thomas F. Burks Scholarship for Academic Merit	Alexis Mobley	Dr. Jaroslaw Aronowski	NS
	Ayesha Khan	Dr. Cesar Arias	MID

2. Other accomplishments:

- Conducted Fall Award meeting on December 3, 2019.
- Conducted review of Kopchick Finalists on January 6, 2020.