

**GSBS Standing Committee Reports
For September 10, 2020
Faculty Meeting**

Academic Standards Committee (Dr. Michael Galko, Chair)

The Committee has met 7 times since the last faculty meeting and approved:

- 41 Advisory Committees
- 4 Requests for Secondary Area of Concentration
- 25 Request for Committee changes
- 13 Petitions for M.S. degree Candidacy
- 5 Petitions for Ph.D. Candidacy
- 2 Recommendations for academic dismissal
- 2 Exemptions from first author paper prior to graduation
- 2 Exemptions from the minimum requirement of 27 credit hours for completion of a certificate program

Other matters taken up by the committee:

Reviewed Student Learning Outcome reports for the academic year 2018 -2019. The ASC members suggested that for Objective 2, there should be more emphasis on the student's independence in "developing and applying experimental approaches to realize the goals of the research project" and Target 2 levels for this objective could be raised. For Objective 3 (Communication skills), which has also met current targets for a number of years, a more ambitious target could be set. A similar approach could be used for Objective 3 of the MS Program. The committee also further discussed the idea that the change to Objective 2 would require some modification of the evaluation rubrics.

The committee decided in the July meeting that a more demanding target should be added that 70 – 75 % of MS students should receive a score of 4 in their evaluation on communication at the thesis defense. The committee also suggested that Academic Affairs consider including additional measures of competency including:

- a) Evaluation of presentations given via WebEx or Zoom
- b) Indirect measures including the selection of students for meritorious presentations such as those at regional and national conferences.

Discussed a proposal to include the ability to incorporate independent and original ideas" into the on-topic candidacy exams as one criterion for evaluating the candidacy exam performance. The committee also indicated that the petition for candidacy should include an attestation statement indicating the student is aware that the proposal is the original work of the student and that they are aware that the advisor will review it prior to the exam. This is to be effective immediately.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, ASC proposed that the requirement of a first-author publication prior to graduation be suspended until the end of Summer 2021. However, students are still required to have a first-author submission prior to graduation.

Updated the Advisory Committee form with the following changes

- a) Move the addition of an outside member as a requirement instead of a recommendation and provided a definition of what an outside member is in the Notes section of the instructions for completing the form
- b) Added the line to include the title of a student's project and expand on the description of the project

Admissions Committee (Dr. Ambro van Hoof, Chair)

End of the Year Admissions Report is forthcoming

Curriculum Committee (Dr. Nicholas De Lay, Chair)

1. The Committee had six (6) meetings since the last Faculty meeting in February.

2. Reviewed and approved the following course requests:

Approved New Courses:

- GS04 1781: Pragmatic Bioinformatics for Bench Scientists
(Course Director: Dr. Jichao Chen)

Course Requests:

- Change in QS/Biostatistics Track Requirement
- GS14 1181: Graduate Neuroanatomy - Dr. Cameron Jeter, New Course Director

3. Major and Follow-up Course Review completed:

Major Course Review (7 courses):

- a. GS01 1273: Modern Nonparametrics
- b. GS03 1111: Scientific Writing for Grant Proposals
- c. GS06 1611: Advanced Topics in Immunology
- d. GS07 1092: Topics in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
- e. GS11 1011: Embryology
- f. GS14 1612: Biostatistics for Life Scientists
- g. 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. Frequency of committee meeting
- b. GSBS COVID-19 classroom/Webex/Zoom

Membership Committee (Dr. Eugenie Kleinerman, Chair)

The Committee met four times since the last Faculty Meeting in February.

The Committee approved the following:

- 8 applications for Regular Membership
- 8 applications for Associate Membership
- 1 application for reappointment with very highest commendation
- 4 applications for reappointment with highest commendation
- 12 applications for reappointment with commendation
- 20 applications for reappointment
- 1 application for reappointment with a change in membership type to Distinguished Senior Lecturer
- 7 applications for reappointment with a change in membership type from Regular to Associate membership
- 11 applications for reappointment with encouragement

Program Directors Committee (Dr. Rebecca Berdeaux, Chair)

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

- Actions taken during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the safety of our students and their continued academic progress
- How Programs handle students when the program is the student's secondary area of concentration

- Admissions and recruitment
- Plans for orientation
- Diversity and inclusion at GSBS
- GSBS leadership in the wake of Dean Barton's departure
- Electing a new chair for the committee

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

1. Discussed the Spring Awards criteria and evaluated 84 applications for 9 different fellowship/scholarships and selected 27 new awardees as shown below:

AWARD	WINNERS	ADVISOR	PROGRAM
American Legion Auxiliary Fellowship	Evan Gates *	Dr. David Fuentes	MP
	Dominik Awad *	Dr. Daniel Frigo	BCB
	Walter (Frank)Lenoir *	Dr. Traver Hart	QS
	Emily Thompson *	Dr. Eric Cressman	MP
	Jessica Thompson *	Dr. I. Levental/ Dr. V. Jayaraman	BCB
	Safia Essien	Dr. George Eisenhoffer	GE
	Rhiannon Morrissey	Dr. Gigi Lozano	GE
	Benjamin Musall	Dr. Jingfei Ma	MP
Altman-Goldstein Fdtn Discovery Fellowship	Medina Colic *	Dr. Traver Hart	QS
	I-Lin Ho	Dr. Giulio Draetta	GE
Rosalie B. Hite Fellowship	Tapsi Kumar	Dr. Nick Navin	QS
	Josephine Darpolor	Dr. Raghu Kalluri	CB
	Jovanka Gencel Augusto *	Dr. Gigi Lozano	GE
	Rosa Santana Carrero *	Dr. Kim Schluns	IMM
Russell and Diana Hawkins Family Fdtn Fellowships	Unekwu Yakubu *	Dr. Kevin Morano	BCB
	Melissa Franch	Dr. Valentin Dragoi	NS
Schissler Foundation Fellowships	Swetha Anandhan	Dr. Padmanee Sharma	IMM
	Hannah Savage	Dr. Keri Schadler	CB
	Yasaman Berekatain	Dr. Florian Muller	MP
	Merve Dede	Dr. Traver Hart	QS
Larry Deaven, Ph.D. Fellowship in Biomedical	Sunada Khadka *	Dr. Florian Muller	CB

Sciences	Tucker Netherton	Dr. Laurence Court	MP
Mariyln and Frederick R. Lummis, Jr. MD Fellowship	Arthur Liu	Dr. Michael Curran	IMM
John and Rebekah Harper Fellowship In Biomedical Sciences	Dong Ho Shin	Dr. Juan Fueyo	CB
GSBS Endowment Scholarship	Russell Milton	Dr. Valentin Dragoi	NS
	Li Cai	Dr. Ron DePinho	CB
	Minseon Kim	Dr. Minseon Kim	MID

* Renewal

2. Other awards provided to GSBS students through other review mechanisms.

President's Research Scholarship		
Name	Advisor	Program
Alexandria Blackburn	Dr. Rachel Miller	GE
Shelley Herbrich	Dr. Marina Konopleva	CB
Danielle Little	Dr. Jichao Chen	GD
Seula Shin	Dr. Jian Hu	GE

Linda M. Wells GSBS Outreach Award		
Name	Advisor	Program
Jessica Symons	Drs. Ilya Levental/Vasanthi Jayaraman	BCB
Safia Essien	Dr. George Eisenhoffer	GE

- Review of the Kopchick Research Award finalists are on-going.