

**November 14, 2019**

**Graduate Studies Committee Meeting**

<b>Present:</b>	Kerry McPhail	Theresa Filtz	Chrissa Kioussi
	Richard van Breemen	Jane Ishmael	Ines Paraiso
	Oleh Taratula	BJ Philmus	J J Furuno

**Update on Admissions (Jane)]: discussed at department meeting**

Re Graduate program applications, we have requested to view the unsubmitted applications. What would people think of bringing applicants to Corvallis the last week of January or first week of February. February 7 was agreed upon. The Marriott downtown is less costly than the Hilton. Discussion re lodging, transportation and entertaining graduate program applicants. Richard – helps to see what research is going on in the College, colleague’s research, and colleagues awarded. An event would be good. Department-wide or College-wide. Scope, depth, breadth and the environment. If they fly into Portland, can do a quick run-through of the building in Portland. We can do a poster session while they are here.

**New course proposal from Chrissa (see attached)**

With the downfall of MCB, Pharmacology courses are limited for our Pharmacology students. Urgent need to provide a hybrid course that will provide our students hands on techniques. How to isolate RNA, quantitation of nucleic acids, etc. Lectures, videos, papers for discussion, give them a problem and they write a paper re how to address the problem. No lab component at this time. At some point, this can be an online course. Chrissa can deliver this course. Goal is to make this course required for Pharmacology. Graduate stand-alone course, not a slash course. At least 50% of credits have to be stand-alone courses. Didactic credits. In January everyone will need to use the digital program of study. There is no flexibility, so if we don’t have enough stand-alone credits, they can’t complete the form, especially for the Med Chem students. E-Campus is the real way to generate revenue from a course. Kerry will follow up to see if we can get a waiver to allow the CH slash course for our students. Chrissa communicated with E-campus. Summer 2020 is the soonest we can get it on the list of courses that are available. Discussed desire to generate revenue from additional E-campus courses. Make it useful for every student in our program. Course most useful fall term. Can’t be offered Fall 2020, though. Can we make it special topics for this fall? At some point, would like this course to be associated with a lab.

BJ would like to take apart PHAR 525 and 735. Would like to coordinating the two courses so graduate students will get the information they need. Almost make two courses. Making two complementary courses that play off of each other. Talk more about courses – coordinate on-line lectures. Extra material to give them if they want.

**Preliminary discussion of stand-alone Master’s Degree and request from Maude.**

We have a Masters program that people can sign up for. Some faculty prefer not to have Master’s students in their labs. A publication is the only thing we can expect from a M.S. student. Course load is too heavy to do much research in the labs. There is an attempt to allocate one TA per lab. Can’t always do this. Now have a request – Maude has a good undergrad student in her lab. This

student wants to apply for a M.S. program. Maude is asking if we can support this person with a tuition waiver/T.A. The agreement that was made with Maude with her start up is well outlined. It does not include a TA for her lab, but does include a tuition waiver. She wanted to be 75% with Micro because she felt it was a better program for students. Kerry agreed to bring the subject to the grad studies committee. We need to reserve TAs for Ph.D. students, especially when they end up changing labs. We don't want students to leave our program because they lose their funding. We want to commit to our students and take care of them. Faculty can bring in M.S. students on a GRA, not a GTA. Our policy states there are no GTAs for M.S. students.

We negotiate the budget in Jan/Feb. This year, we should start the conversation in December because we don't know what to expect in terms of the budget.

PharmD/PhD status re support? Is a different category in the spreadsheet. A PharmD/PhD student in the graduate portion of their programs are eligible for TA support.

When Jane sends her survey asking faculty if they need TAs, faculty can respond with requests for funds for PharmD/PhD students.

### **Update on Graduate Research Retreat (Oleh, Gaurav)**

Retreat updates? March 29-31 at Salishan. The speaker is a Pharmacology invitee: DeSantis. Friday afternoon till Saturday before lunchtime. TMF has been told that whatever budget was established last year can be honored this year.

Good idea to send a reminder to students regarding the retreat and the dates.

Residents and fellows are welcome to bring posters, not identifying additional time for talks. They need a separate forum for their research presentations. Postdocs can be on the schedule.

### **Updates from Graduate School meetings (Kerry, Debra)**

The next program review is going to be in 7 years not 10 years. This is in line with other universities. We only have one PhD program, so no consolidation with other programs in the College and shared burden of review. We will just have to do it every 7 years, not every 10 years. So coming up in 5 years time, potentially 2024. Kerry is going to speak with Phil Mote regarding the timing of our next review.

We have funding from ARCS Foundation in Oregon. Women that invest in STEM. One of the programs they fund. Give one student 6K over 3 years. They can spend the money on whatever will help them get through the program. Brenda Cisneros was our first ARC student. I supposed to be a recruiting tool. Brenda did 2 years of the 3. They are holding it open in case she decides to return. We can possibly let them know Brenda will not come back and we have another high quality applicant. Sheryl Hammond said she is sufficiently impressed with the program that she is willing to fund an endowment.

### **New/other business?**

Angela's office runs a workshop regarding CVs. They will be happy to host a workshop to help our students develop their CVs. Kerry has provided some templates and information to graduate students, but the workshop is a good idea. Kerry will speak to Angela.

TMF meets with the Dean every Tuesday. If you have something you need, let TMF know so she can remind her.

Van Breemen Lab student Alan Wong is giving a presentation Thursday November 21 regarding his industry internship.