

MEZCOPH Education Committee Meeting
“Final Meeting Minutes”

November 4, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/215120653>

Program Directors / Voting Members Present: Ed Bedrick, Scott Carvajal, John Ehiri (ex-officio), Kacey Ernst, Aminata Kilungo, Velia Leybas Nuño, Amanda Soka, Chris Tisch, Terry Urbine

Program Directors / Voting Members Absent: Gabriela Coronel, Chris Cutshaw, Joe Gerald, Magdiel Habila, Kimberly York

Other Members Present: Kim Barnes, Danielle Embry, Melanie Fleck, Anais Garcia, Elsa Loya, Tanya Nemec, Gisela Ochoa, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Michael Tearne

- **Announcements:**

- Fall 2021/Summer 2021 Course Schedules (Danielle Embry)
Open scheduling for fall and summer 2021 courses will be available through January 15th. Danielle will coordinate with Program Directors over the next couple of months to finalize the course schedules by this deadline. *

- **Consent Agenda:** (*All voting members*)

- Minutes Approval: September 2, 2020 meeting



- New Course Proposal:
 - HPS 4xx/5xx Management of Global Public Health Emergencies (Velia Leybas Nuño)



Velia gave a brief overview of the course. It is currently being offered as a special topics in the fall and will be offered again in the spring. The course is targeted toward students interested in Global Health and will be a good pipeline course for our master's program in Global Health. It is also an elective for the One Health Graduate Certificate.

Comments from the committee:

- The instructor has a background in emergency preparation and disaster response planning. If so, the course may expand beyond infectious disease emergencies and be appealing to students who are interested in a variety of emergency response scenarios (ie, hurricanes, conflict situations, etc.)
- The instructor has been helpful in connecting our students with internships at UNICEF.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.
The motion was approved by a vote of: 7-0

- **Old Business:**

- Taskstream – Program Assessment and Reporting (*John Ehiri*)

Dr. Ehiri is still reviewing this and did not have any updates. He expects to report back to the committee early next year. *

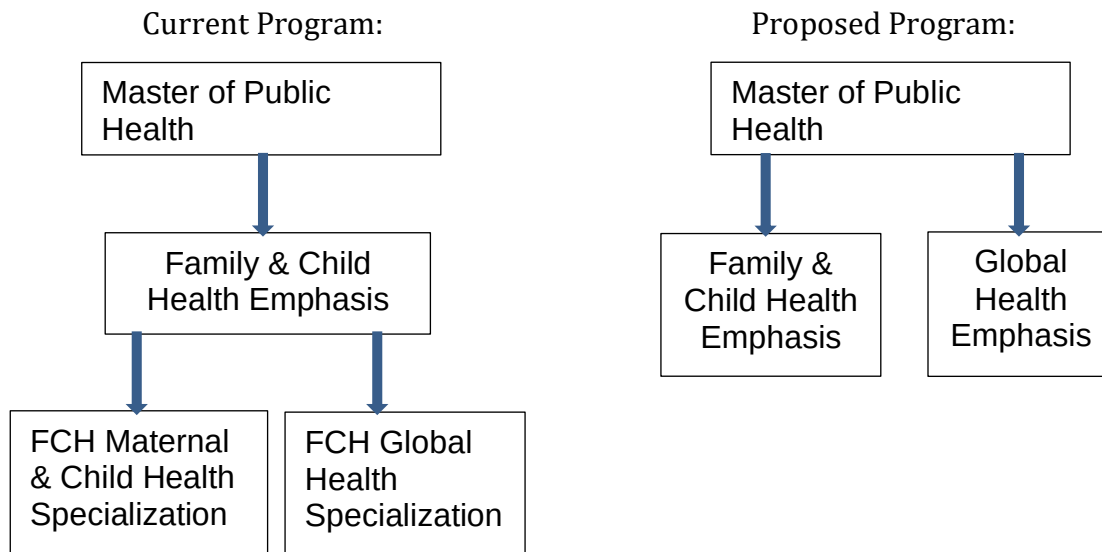
- **New Business:**

- Global Health (*Velia Leybas Nuño*)

Currently the MPH in Family and Child Health has two specializations, FCH Maternal and Child Health and FCH Global. In order to make the Global Health concentration more visible, HPS will be changing the name for FCH Global to “Global Health” and removing it from under the Family and Child Health emphasis.

Comments from the Committee:

- This will make it easier for students to identify our Global Health program when they apply to the MPH.
- The soonest this change can be reflected in our SOPHAS application is next summer. Eva can help direct students to the correct application in the interim.
- Dr. Ehiri shared a graphic with the committee to illustrate the change:



- Moving forward, it would be interesting to discuss the possibility of creating interdisciplinary emphasis areas for the MPH. There is already a long-term strategy being discussed to incorporate college-wide interdisciplinary collaboration within the Global Health curriculum.
- Students interested in several disciplines may complete a graduate certificate in Global Health and double-use those units toward an MPH in another concentration.
 - The Global Health Certificate is only available via the AZ Online campus which presents a barrier for Main Campus students to complete an in-person MPH and the Global Health certificate simultaneously.
- It is important to be mindful of the number of units students are required to take if we consider combining programs. The UA Graduate College requires all MPH concentrations to have 42 units. Industrial Hygiene was granted an exception to this policy due to discipline-specific accreditation requirements. The UA does not allow students to complete more than one MPH concentration and the core classes for all concentrations must be the same.

- **Other Business and Reminders:** (*All Committee Members*)
 - John Ehiri will be sending a spreadsheet out to all spring instructors so that they may verify their course modality selection. Due to uncertainty around Covid-19, it is important for all instructors to develop their courses for fully online instruction in the spring. If an instructor needs help converting their course in D2L, Dr. Ehiri will provide assistance.
 - Michael Tearne announced that the MEZCOPH Climate Survey will be sent out next week. Everyone (faculty, staff, students) is encouraged to respond.
- **Future Business:** (*All Committee Members*)
 - Chris Tisch will be following up with the committee regarding Fall Convocation plans. Eva and Chris will be meeting with the Program Directors as a group to discuss 2021 admissions objectives.
 - Terry Urbine inquired on the status of UA's acquisition of Ashford University and the impact it may have on our college admissions. Ashford offered public health degree programs, but there have been no recent updates from upper administration. John will check and report back. *

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: December 2, 2020 - 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom

***Action Items:**

- (carried over from September meeting) Laura Gronewold will inquire about GE pilot program data with the General Education Refresh Committee. She will report back findings at a future meeting. (*Laura Gronewold*)
- Danielle will coordinate the summer/fall 2021 schedule with Program Directors and enter course schedule in UAccess by January 15th. (*Danielle Embry, All Program Directors*)
- Dr. Ehiri will investigate the MPH competencies/assessment in Taskstream and report back at the January/February Education Committee. (*John Ehiri*)
- Dr. Ehiri will check on UA's acquisition of Ashford to determine if/how their students may be admitted to our programs. He will report findings at a future meeting (*John Ehiri*)