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**Dean Update (6):
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June Update

New Appointments

- Cyndi Thomson will be the interim Associate Dean of Research (July2016-DEC2016) during Jeff's sabbatical
- Joe Gerald will be the PHPM program director as Michael Halpern is moving back to the NE
- Amy Glick is promoted to " Director of Admission" for all programs (UG/Graduate/Online)
- Tanya Nemec will be the new MPH program coordinator following Judy's retirement

People on the move

- Michael Halpern has taken a position with the College of Public Health at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. He plans to continue to serve on several Dr.PH thesis committees and to participate in a number of UA research collaborations. Our best wishes to Michael.
- Judy Williamson will retire at the end of the month. Her retirement reception is on Wednesday, June 29 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at room A326

Grant Awards:

- Dan Derksen: The Center for Rural Health was awarded \$3.4 million in federal and matching state funds over the next five years.

New Hires

- CEP has completed its national search for an assistant professor in "Industrial Hygiene". The new faculty member, Boris Reiss, will join CEP in January 2017.
- A new postdoctoral research associate, Melissa Furlong, will join CEP. Melissa's training and expertise is in environmental epidemiology and she will be working with Paloma.

Dean's council update

- The council discussed the new hiring /funding opportunities with WEES. They anticipate providing up to \$400K per new hire over a 2-3 year period, for Associate and Full Professor hires. Potential areas for PH are: environmental epidemiology; onehealth, and mining sustainability-PH.
- The mentoring proposal next steps
- The meeting's minutes are posted on the intranet.

Mentoring plan's Proposal: Next Steps

- The Dean's council discussed the mentoring plan proposal
- Several ideas and/or questions have been raised by different members of the dean's council
- The mentoring plan along with the summary of the dean's council feedback will be discussed at the different departments and units for feedback from all faculty, APs and staff.
- Feedback from all constituents will go back to the dean's council for review , discussion and action

- Near final plan will be sent back to the different assemblies (faculty/APs and Staff) for feedback before final implementation.
- I encourage all of you to engage in the discussion and the process.

Follow-up from the May Retreat

- As a follow up to the constructive conversation we had at the College Retreat concerning workplace climate, Michael Tearne would like to invite you to participate in a follow-up meeting. If you have any interest in furthering the discussion, planning and implementing action steps to help keep MEZCOPH a wonderful place to work and study, please seriously consider joining him in this taskforce group.