



August Update

MEZCOPH New Academic Year

- Warm welcome to our students
- Many thanks to all of you who participated in the different orientation activities
- The Office of Students Services and Alumni Affairs added a new module about civil discourse and professional communication to this year's orientation.
- We Launched a new MPH concentration in "One Health"

Dean's council update

- There was no meeting in July
- At the August's meeting, the College Environment Committee presented an update and we discussed the building security issues, listserv usage policy and the IE report.
- The meetings' minutes are posted on the intranet.
- As a reminder: The dean's council meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month and the chairs of the faculty, APs, staff and student assemblies are welcome to submit an agenda item to Lorraine 10 days before the meeting to be 1) either discussed by the dean's council or 2) the chair or his/her representative can attend in person to present the issue to the council and be part of the discussion.

College Environment Committee

- Members of the Environment Committee provided an update since last year when the committee first came to exist from the December retreat.
- The committee has grown from 7 individuals to 31.
- Four sub-committees to work on projects:
 1. New Hire Toolkit
 2. Life/Work Balance
 3. Physical Space
 4. Mission/Values/Vision/Civility

Committee on Inclusion and Equity

- This year Co-chairs are Kacey Ernst and Agnes Attakai
- Everyone is invited to the meetings
- Minutes of the meetings will be posted on the intranet
- IE report being revised/updated before posting
- Will work with College Environment Committee to plan for a series of students' brown bags around career development, life-work balance, etc.....

Building Security

- There was an incident last week where a suspect ran away from the police and ran up the eastside stairs and hid on the second floor balcony. The police immediately found him and arrested him.
- Linda and Lorraine received several concerns about the 2nd floor eastside door being opened and accessible to the public. Individuals felt vulnerable and afraid about any possible dangerous situations.
- After some discussion it was decided that the 2nd floor eastside door be made Catcard accessible only in order to protect the College's employees and students.
- Signage will alert folks that the eastside, 2nd floor door is now Catcard accessible only.
- There will be signs posted at the bottom of the stairs and on the door.
- We understand that this approach might create some inconvenience for the first couple of weeks but we are ultimate goal is supporting a safe environment for everyone.

MEZCOPH Promotion & Tenure Guidelines (P&T)

- Departmental and College P&T guidelines have been revised
- New guidelines were posted for voting.
- Please take the time to review and vote

UA Going Global: Micro-campus Concept (follow-up)

- A world-wide network of UA "micro-campusess" for the delivery of UA courses and degree programs on the campuses of existing universities around the world.
- UA has signed more than a dozen agreements with universities worldwide
- Roxanna (GHI coordinator) is our contact person with UA to keep us posted on new developments
- GHI will plan a meeting in September to discuss strategic directions and an invitation will be sent out to include anyone who is interested in the discussion. Stay tuned