



March Update

Faculty in the Spotlight

- Lynn Gerald has been appointed to the NIH National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP)
 - NAEPP provides advice to the NHLBI on matters concerning asthma to facilitate the efficient and effective exchange of information on asthma activities among the member agencies and voluntary health organizations in order to enhance the coordination of asthma-related programs and activities. This is also the group that writes the Guidelines for the “Diagnosis and Management of Asthma”.

Dean’s council update

- The main focus in February was to go over the draft of the “Inclusive excellence document” and plan for the next steps to solicit feedback from faculty, APs, staff and students. Paloma attended the meeting and will work with Htay on a short survey and discussion points for a number of focus groups. Other issues included inter-professional education, MD/MPH (Tucson), and IT support for APR and CEPH’s data collection.
- 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.

Dialogue with the Dean

I hosted 2 informal breakfast meetings with Junior and senior faculty. I summarized below the main issues discussed at each meeting

- **Junior Faculty**
 - Would like to have a shared space available for faculty (faculty lounge) to encourage conversation with colleagues and mentors. *Dean will explore some options in the first floor*
 - Would like to learn more about the research activities of other MEZCOPH faculty across departments. May be using the Wednesdays for lunch seminars, rotating among departments with local speakers and have the dean/college invite an outside national speaker(s). *Dean will bring to the attention of senior faculty and department’s chairs for discussion.*
 - Difficulty in finding a senior faculty member to work with on grants. College needs to develop a process for building senior/junior team(s) and sharing resources/ different research tools. *Dean will bring to the attention of Doug and Jeff to discuss at the monthly meeting with junior faculty.*
 - College needs to provide 4 years of guaranteed funding for outstanding diverse doctoral students. The 2 years of guaranteed funding is not enough anymore. *College needs to secure more funds for doctoral scholarships through fundraisings along with TAs and GRAs.*
 - Availability of seeds money for pilot studies. An inventory and shared information about the different available sources at the department, college, university as well as philanthropic and

foundation resources will be very helpful. *Dean will bring to the attention of Doug and Jeff to discuss at the monthly meeting with junior faculty.*

- Request to have the “Grant Writing Course” be taught every year. *Dean will forward the request to Doug.*

- **Senior Faculty**

- Would like to have a shared space available for faculty (faculty lounge) to encourage conversation with colleagues. *Dean will explore some options in the first floor*
- Would like to learn more about the research activities of other MEZCOPH faculty across departments. *The departments and education committee will discuss and develop a plan to address junior faculty and education programs’ needs.*
- Recommendation for a public health tour for junior and new faculty (service learning for faculty) to get to know what is going on in Tucson, Phoenix, AZ and the border. *The idea will be discussed at the dean council*
- Given the uncertainty with research funding in the coming years, the College needs to explore other approaches to support and retain faculty. Recommendation is to request the dean council to consider 70% funding (equivalent to academic appointment) for faculty who will take more teaching responsibilities. *Dean will bring to the dean council for discussion and setting guidelines with the department chairs.*
- Evaluation of teaching at the department level in addition to the TCE. *Doug will add to the dean council agenda for discussion.*

Save the dates

- Dialogue with the dean for APs and staff: Tuesday April 4th at 8:30 am R. A122
- The University Commencement is Friday, May 12 at 7:30 PM at the Arizona Stadium
- MEZCOPH Convocation is Saturday, May 13 at 9:00AM in Centennial Hall
- Spring College-wide retreat; Monday, May 15; 11:30-4:30PM