

MEZCOPH Education Committee Meeting
“Final Meeting Minutes”

November 6, 2019

2:00 – 3:00 pm, Drach A326

Program Directors / Voting Members Present: Scott Carvajal, Gabriela Coronel, Kacey Ernst, Joe Gerald, Magdiel Habila, Aminata Kilungo, Velia Leybas Nuño, Doug Taren (ex-officio), Amanda Wilson, Kimberly York

Other Members Present: Kimberly Barnes, Danielle Embry, Melanie Fleck, Anais Garcia, Laura Gronewold, Elsa Loya, Samantha Pierce, Kristen Pogreba Brown, Michael Tearne

- **Announcements**

- Summer/Fall 2020 Schedule – Open Scheduling available through 1/3/2020 (*Embry*)

Danielle announced it is time to review Summer and Fall 2020 schedules and send any updates before open scheduling closes on 1/3/2020. * We have the ability to pull the scheduling spreadsheet into a calendar format for in-person classes. The calendar may be helpful to review for changing times and course conflicts.

- MEZCOPH Academic Curriculum Guide Updates – Fall 2020/Spring 2021 (*Embry*)

Danielle asked departments to review their program pages in the current Curriculum Guide and prepare updates for AY 2020/2021 by the December Education Committee meeting. * This deadline will ensure that the new Curriculum Guide is complete by mid-January, in time for newly admitted students as well as the final CEPH report submission/site visit.

- UAHS Strategic Plan – Global Health (*Taren*)

The Global Health pillar of the UAHS Strategic Plan focuses on online programs, study abroad and micro campuses. There is funding available through this effort to support the development of public health courses and possibly an instruction specialist and/or faculty position. We are in the process of hiring a Director of Distance Education who will oversee these programs.

Curriculum will focus on current micro campus relationships as well as opportunities for new programs. Doug and the Director of Distance Education will provide updates to faculty on the process for requesting funding. Doug asked faculty to begin thinking of distance education programs that would align with goals of the Strategic Plan. *

- New HSD (Health Sciences Design) courses in MEZCOPH (*Taren*)

A new course prefix, HSD (Health Sciences Design), is approved and housed in the College of Public Health. UA Health Sciences is creating an interdisciplinary certificate program in Health Sciences Design. Kasi Kiehlbaugh will be teaching a special topics HSD workshop in the spring. Details regarding administration of the certificate are still to be determined.

- HPS 495 – Special Topics: Public Health Narratives (*Leybas Nuño*)



Dr. Leybas Nuño announced a new special topics course, Public Health Narratives, to be offered in HPS spring 2020. The course was developed by Dr. Laura Gronewold and has been approved to substitute for the writing requirement in the undergraduate program.

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

- Minutes Approval: October 2, 2019 meeting



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- Proposed New Course:

- EHS 425 – A Public Health Lens to Climate Change (*Kilungo*)



EHS 425 Course
Addition Template.d



EHS 425 Syllabus
Spring 2020 vs2.doc

A motion was made and seconded to approve Consent Agenda items. The motion was approved by a vote of: 8-0.

- **Old Business:**

- TA Hiring Criteria (*Leybas Nuño*)

Dr. Lebas Nuño recapped previous discussions regarding TA Hiring Criteria. Most departments prefer to keep the process as is, choosing TAs in collaboration with OSSAA. No further discussion needed.

- **New Business:**

- Proposed New Program: MS in Health Services Administration (*Taren*)



MS HSA_New
Academic Grad Prog

The PHP Division is proposing a new online MS program in HSA to start in fall 2020. It is a 30-unit stand-alone program and also provides a dual degree MPH/MS program option with GMU.

Comments from committee:

- Admissions criteria is less rigorous than MPH (no GRE or specifics related to professional public health experience). This may result in lower quality students and impact admissions to MPH in HSA.
- An MS is perceived as a research degree but 3 units of thesis may not provide the same research intensive outcome as other programs in the college.
- There is one tenure-line faculty with expertise in HSA associated with the program. A more balanced faculty grouping would be preferable. Two tenure eligible faculty may be overburdened with chairing student committees.

- The program description states that students will gain advanced quantitative research skills but the only statistics class required is BIOS 576A.

There was no motion to approve program at this time. Doug will provide feedback to program sponsors. *

- MPH Interprofessional Education Requirements – Online vs. In-Person (Taren)

There is inconsistency in the IPE requirements between in-person and online MPH programs. In person MPH students are required to complete two IPEs, online are required to complete one. Doug asked committee if the online program requirements should be consistent with the in-person program.

Comments from committee:

- IPE opportunities are different for online and in-person students and it may be logistically practical for online students to complete only one.
- If the requirement were changed, it is important that we identify IPE options for online students that are similar in scope to the in-person IPEs.
- If new HSD classes could be offered online, it may provide more opportunities for online students to complete two IPEs in future.

The committee decided to keep requirements as they are until more opportunities become available for online students.

- **Other Business and Reminders:** (All Committee Members)

- Suggestions for Upcoming Teaching Workshops (Taren)



Suggestions for
Upcoming Teaching

Suggestions:

- Unconscious bias in Teaching
- Workshop for PH faculty to collaborate on incorporating writing in their classes across the college

Doug asked committee members to email him with additional suggestions for teaching workshops. *

- **Future Business:** (All Committee Members)

- Undergraduate Aging Track (Taren) - Tabled

Next Scheduled Meeting: Date: December 4, 2019 - 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Drach A326

* Action Items:

- Send updates to summer/fall 2020 schedule to Danielle by **1/3/2020**. (All Program Directors)
- Send updates to program pages in Curriculum Guide to Danielle by **11/29/2019** (All Program Directors, Melanie Fleck, Doug Taren)
- Send distance program ideas that align with Global Health pillar of UAHS Strategic Plan to Doug Taren (All faculty)
- Provide feedback on MS HSA program to PHP division sponsors (Taren)
- Email ideas for upcoming teaching workshops to Doug (All Committee Members)