

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2019

12:00-1:00 pm

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Primary Faculty and Lecturers Present: Patricia Haynes, *Chair*

Jeff Burgess, Heather Carter, Dan Derksen, Leslie Dennis, Leslie Farland, Janet Foote, Joe Gerald, Iman Hakim, Robin Harris, Elizabeth Jacobs, Lindsay Kohler, Mary Koss, Purnima Madhivanan, Mark Martz, Boris Reiss, Kelly Reynolds, Denise Roe, Cecilia Rosales, Stephanie Springer, Doug Taren, Marc Verhoughstraete

Primary Faculty Absent: Halima Alaofe, Leila Barraza, Paloma Beamer, Edward Bedrick, Melanie Bell, Dean Billheimer, Heidi Brown, Elizabeth Calhoun, Robert Canales, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, Christina Cutshaw, Duke Duncan, John Ehiri, Katherine Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, David Garcia, Lynn Gerald, Jorge Gomez, Eduardo Gonzalez Fagoaga, Stephanie Griffin, Phillip Harber, Jennifer Hatcher, Paul Hsu, Chengcheng Hu, Aminata Kilungo, Yann Klimentidis, Velia Leybas-Nuno, David Marrero, Uma Nair, Mary Kay O'Rourke, Sydney Pettygrove, Kristen Pogreba Brown, Stephanie Raine, Irma Ramos, Ken Schachter, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cyndi Thomson, Ron Watson, Nicole Yuan, Jin Zhou

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present:

Kathleen Crist, Coordinator, Academic Curriculum - Faculty Affairs
Danielle Embry, Coordinator, Academic Curriculum – Faculty Affairs
Karl Krupp, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Health Promotion Sciences
Chris Tisch, Assistant Dean, Student and Alumni Affairs

1. Review of March 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes (*Tricia Haynes*)

A correction to the minutes was requested - several people who were in attendance via Zoom were marked absent (Leila Barraza, Heather Carter, Mark Martz, and Janet Foote). A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes pending this correction. The March 26, 2019 minutes were approved by all voting members present with three abstentions.

2. Faculty Research Introductions

Two faculty members presented a brief introduction to their research:

- a. Lindsay Kohler, Health Promotion Sciences



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b. Leslie Farland, Epidemiology and Biostatistics



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3. Announcements:

a. Education Committee Report (Taren)

- Doug visited Gulf Medical University a month ago to discuss new dual degree program, Masters in Public Health Practice.
- A new concentration area in Aging is also being developed in consultation with Phoenix department.
- Currently working with Pearson and AZ Online to move our online MPH course development over to AZ Online. Expect the process to take approximately six months.
- Creating another undergraduate emphasis area/minor in Data Health Science with Kacey and Paul in EPID/BIOS. The emphasis area does not require coordination with other departments on campus but will need support from other departments (specifically Math) to develop the minor.
- Working with Program Directors to enter data into Taskstream for program accreditation. Have entered the information and are now in the process of collecting data.
- On August 19th from 12-2pm, Doug will offer a workshop on group projects
- AZ Health Sciences Center has strategic plan on distance education that we are actively involved in.
- Stephanie Springer is moving to College of Humanities in August.

b. Seeking nominations for UA undergraduate council (Taren)

We are seeking a representative from our college to serve on the Undergraduate Council. It is a university wide committee that reviews academic programs. Joe Gerald previously served and explained that it is a 3-year term and the committee meets 1 hour a month. There are two sub committees, academic programs and policies, which also require an hour per month.

c. Faculty Subcommittee Report, Committee on Inclusion and Equity (TBD): Tabled

d. Faculty Senate Update (Gerald)

April meeting discussed Border Patrol disruption incident. In May, discussed criteria outlined by Higher Learning Commission regarding verification of degrees to ensure faculty are eligible to teach courses they are assigned to. UA is deficient in this area. In the next 6-12 months, Department Chairs will be required to certify that faculty are qualified to teach specific courses. HLC qualifications are rigorous.

e. Ad Hoc Committee on Communications (Carter)

- Committee had conference call with Sabrina in UA Government Affairs to discuss what role MEZCOPH can play as advocates on various initiatives and legislative policy. Sabrina provided information about rules/statutes that govern how faculty can engage, particularly from an advocacy position. For example, if faculty member engages as an advocate for a specific initiative, they cannot do so as agent of UA unless UA has taken

an official position. For the UA to take an official position, it must be vetted and approved by ABOR.

- Guidelines will be sent out via email to faculty for review.
- **ACTION ITEM: Heather Carter asked faculty to send these and additional questions/scenarios to her via email so that she can bring them to Office of General Counsel for consultation.**

f. Administrative Updates (Hakim)

- Strategic Plan: emphasized that pillars are owned by the faculty. Please read them and participate if interested.
- We have acquired a new historical building in Phoenix. MEZCOPH faculty located in Phoenix will have their offices there.
- Dean's Annual Fund: Available four times per year. Students, staff and faculty may apply to request funding for conferences, community programs, etc. In the last cycle, they funded 10 of the 11 applications they received.
- Stephanie Springer is leaving in August. Will be posting a position for a full time lecturer to oversee the undergraduate internship programs. Would like to hire someone this summer before the start of the fall semester.

4. Old Business:

a. Nomination for Faculty Assembly Chair and Chair-Elect (Haynes, Foote)

Janet Foote has been nominated to chair faculty assembly. Janet reviewed teaching load, research and service contributions, vision for position.



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With no additional nominations, Tricia declared nominations period closed. A vote will be commenced shortly.

5. New Business:

a. Team Teaching (Rezwana Islam, Steve Kortenkamp): Tabled

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

Changes or corrections to the minutes should be submitted to:
Danielle Embry, *Coordinator, MEZCOPH Academic Curriculum and Faculty Affairs*