

Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2019
12:30-1:30 pm
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Primary Faculty and Lecturers Present: Janet Foote, *Chair*

Halima Alaofe, Paloma Beamer, Heidi Brown, Jefferey Burgess, Leslie Dennis, Kate Ellingson, Leslie Farland, Joe Gerald, Laura Gronewold, Robin Harris, Paul Hsu, Aminata Kilungo, Priscilla Magrath, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Boris Reiss, Amanda Soka, Doug Taren, Marc Verhougstraete

Primary Faculty Absent: Gail Barker, Leila Barraza, Edward Bedrick, Melanie Bell, Dean Billheimer, Benjamin Brady, Robert Canales, Stephanie Carroll, Heather Carter, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, Dan Derksen, John Ehiri, Kacey Ernst, David Garcia, Lynn Gerald, Eduardo Gonzalez, Stephanie Griffin, Iman Hakim, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Chengcheng Hu, Elizabeth Jacobs, Yann Klimentidis, Lindsay Kohler, Mary Koss, Shikhar Kumar, Velia Lebas Nuno, Purnima Madhivanan, Mark Martz, Martha Monroy, Uma Nair, Sheila Parker, Sydney Pettygrove, Rustin Reed, Kelly Reynolds, Denise Roe, Cecilia Rosales, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Nicole Yuan, Jin Zhou

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present:

Danielle Embry, Coordinator, Academic Curriculum – Faculty Affairs

1. Review of May 29, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Janet Foote)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The May 29, 2019 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

2. Faculty Research Introduction: Amanda Soka

Dr. Amanda Soka, Public Health Practice and Translational Research, presented a brief introduction to her research.



Soka Amanda -
Research Intro.pdf

3. Division/Department Reports:

a. Office of Research (Burgess)

- RAC is working on ways to improve research training for MS and Doctoral students. They would like to put together an F31 session for faculty/students and have students who have successfully gone through the system present. Exploring research opportunities for MPH and Undergraduate students as well. **ACTION ITEM: Contact Jeff Burgess if you have ideas**

b. Epidemiology and Biostatistics (Pogreba-Brown)

- The new undergraduate data science minor has been officially approved.

- c. Health Promotion Sciences (*Gronewold*)
 - Laura Gronewold is a new Lecturer in HPS. She will be coordinating undergraduate internships and is creating a new writing course for undergraduate Public Health students.
- d. Community, Environment and Policy (*Gerald and Beamer*)
 - Ben Brady has been hired as Assistant Professor of Practice in Public Health Policy and Management. He will be working with Dan Derksen in the Rural Health Center on opioid related policy in AZ.
 - Environmental Health is in the process of hiring two new senior level faculty.
- e. Office of Academic Affairs (*Taren*)
 - Doug Taren will be stepping down as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in March.
 - The preliminary CEPH Self Study will be shared with MEZCOPH community soon. Doug plans to hold mock CEPH visits in January/February in preparation for CEPH site visit in late February.

4. New Business:

- a. Team Teaching Presentation (*Foote*)

Janet Foote asked faculty if they were still interested in the Team Teaching Presentation tabled at the last meeting. The majority of faculty present indicated they would be interested.
- b. Discussion Topic: Student hacks in the online environment (*Foote*)

Janet gauged interest in a discussion on academic integrity issues in online classes. Students share information during online exams and hacks are not viewed by students as a culture of cheating. Faculty indicated they would be interested in this discussion in a future meeting. Comments from faculty:

 - It would be helpful to identify when students are hacking in and develop interventions that change student behavior.
 - Some faculty have been using Examity with positive results.
 - It is important to clearly define what is considered cheating/plagiarism in your class and what the consequences are.
- c. Proposed changes to MEZCOPH bylaws (*Taren*)



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Doug explained reasons for changing bylaws:

- The committee structure has changed.
- UCAP (University Career Architecture Project) has eliminated differentiation between classified staff and appointed personal. All non-faculty employees are University Staff.
- Would like to provide students with more opportunities for input.

Voting will be done on individual sections. He would like to get vote out by the end of the academic year. **ACTION ITEM: Send any changes/updates to the bylaws to Doug**

5. Faculty Senate Update (Gerald)

There is a new proposed policy regarding hiring graduate research assistants being discussed in Faculty Senate. Joe Gerald plans to express dissatisfaction and discourage new policy from going into place, as he sees a reduction in flexibility will cause more harm than good. He asked if faculty had alternative views. Faculty present agreed with Joe's position.

6. Future Agenda Items:

The faculty expressed interest in two future agenda items:

- Invite Joy Caron and Annette Hillman to a future meeting to explain staff reclassification process and differences/related policies for exempt vs. non-exempt employees.
- Invite the new Provost to future Faculty Assembly meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

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