



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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College of Public Health

Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2020

12:00-1:00 pm

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Primary Faculty and Lecturers Present: Janet Foote, *Chair*

Halima Alaofo, Gail Barker, Benjamin Brady, Heidi Brown, Jeff Burgess, Dan Derksen, John Ehiri, Leslie Farland, Joe Gerald, Laura Gronewold, Tricia Haynes, Elizabeth Jacobs, Yann Klimentidis, Lindsay Kohler, Mark Martz, Adaeze Oguegbu, Sydney Pettygrove, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Kelly Ryenolds, Cecilia Rosales, Amanda Soka, Doug Taren, Marc Verhougstraete, Nicole Yuan, Terry Urbine

Primary Faculty Absent: Leila Barraza, Paloma Beamer, Edward Bedrick, Melanie Bell, Dean Billheimer, Robert Canales, Stephanie Carroll, Heather Carter, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, Leslie Dennis, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, David Garcia, Lynn Gerald, Eduardo Gonzalez Fagoaga, Stephanie Griffin, Iman Hakim, Robin Harris, Jennifer Hatcher, Paul Hsu, Chengcheng Hu, Aminata Kilungo, Mary Koss, Velia Leybas Nuño, Purnima Madhivanan, Priscilla Magrath, Martha Monroy, Sheila Parker, Rustin Reed, Boris Reiss, Denise Roe, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Jin Zhou

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present:

Danielle Embry, Coordinator, Academic Curriculum – Faculty Affairs
Chris Tisch, Assistant Dean, Student and Alumni Affairs

- Review of October 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes (*Janet Foote*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The October 18, 2019 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

- Announcement: Bylaw Revisions Vote

ACTION ITEM (*Taren*): Doug Taren will announce results to faculty when he receives the final count from Htay Hla.

- Division/Department Reports:

The Phoenix Division introduced a new faculty member, Terry Urbine. Dr. Urbine has a background in economics and is developing a new PHP course for all Health Sciences students.

- Concepts to Advance Research in MEZCOPH (*Jeff Burgess*)

Jeff proposed three new ideas to promote research in MEZCOPH:

- 1) A research “Incubator” forum convened in the evening once a semester to discuss research themes and assist with the formation of research groups
- 2) A faculty/student session on Friday afternoons once a semester to focus on improving research opportunities for faculty and students
- 3) Creating a class for students on writing manuscripts

Comments from the faculty:

- Evening sessions are difficult to attend. Friday afternoons from 1-3 was a preferable time for most faculty present.

- Administration Updates (Doug Taren)

The CEPH site visit will occur at the end of February. There are several prep meetings scheduled to help faculty and staff know what to expect. Doug asked faculty who are scheduled to meet with the site visitors to attend at least one of the prep sessions.

There are four faculty searches going on in different departments. If faculty know people who are eligible for one of these faculty positions, they are encouraged to let the search committees know.

Doug is stepping down as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. John Ehiri will assume Interim Associate Dean position.

Comments from the faculty:

- In response to questions about timeline and expectations for filling the Associate Dean and HPS Department chair positions, Doug mentioned that John Ehiri will be Department Chair and Interim Dean until June, at which point there will be more information regarding next steps.
- It was suggested that Dean Hakim be invited to an HPS department meeting to provide more information about the changes.
- **ACTION ITEM (Foote):** Janet Foote will reach out to Dean Hakim to ask her to provide a statement at the next Faculty Assembly, March 27th.

- UA Disabilities Resource Center (DRC) Speakers:

Taylor Thornby – Access Consultant

Cole Eskridge – Universal Design Consultant



DRC Info.pdf

Cole Eskridge explained why Disability Resource Centers are in place and how they were implemented on campuses nationwide.

Taylor Thornby is the Access Consultant for Public Health undergraduate students. Taylor gave an overview of when and how students can utilize DRC services.

- Students can affiliate with the DRC at any time during the semester.
- DRC will interview the student and review documentation related to the course. They will partner with the instructor to review course design and define a reasonable accommodation without fundamentally altering course outcomes.

Comments/Questions from faculty and DRC responses:

- When writing a grant, it is difficult to obtain data on students with disabilities due to privacy restrictions. As an alternative, there may be ways to change language around disabilities in the grant (i.e defining culture and new ways of experience vs. a medical diagnosis). DRC encourages faculty to reach out if they have specific questions/data needs regarding a proposal.

- There are DRC staff dedicated to working with faculty and campus visitors who have disabilities.
- Office of Instruction and Assessment is an excellent resource for faculty to consult with regarding accessible course design.

- Date for next Faculty Assembly meetings (Foote)

The next Faculty Assembly will be Friday, March 27th at noon. UA Provost, Dr. Liesl Folks, will attend. Faculty will have an opportunity to hear what her vision is for UA academics.

On Tuesday, April 14th from 11:00-noon there will be a special Faculty Assembly meeting/workshop. UA Analytics will present, answer questions and seek faculty input on dashboards for grants and additional resources.

February 10th at noon there will be a panel discussion about the Coronavirus.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

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