

MEZCOPH Education Committee Meeting
“Final Meeting Minutes”

March 4, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 pm, Drach A326

Program Directors / Voting Members Present: Edward Bedrick, Scott Carvajal, Gabriela Coronel, Kacey Ernst, Joe Gerald, Eduardo González-Fagoaga, Aminata Kilungo, Velia Lebas Nuño, Doug Taren (ex-officio), Chris Tisch, Amanda Wilson, Kimberly York

Program Directors / Voting Members Absent: Magdiel Habila, Brianna Rooney, Paloma Soto

Other Members Present: Danielle Embry, Melanie Fleck, Laura Gronewold, Elsa Loya, Tanya Nemec, Gisela Ochoa, Samantha Pierce, Kristen Pogreba Brown, Michael Tearne

- **Announcements:**

- CEPH Site Visit (Taren)

Doug announced that MEZCOPH met 42 criteria and 7 criteria were partially met. He is corresponding with CEPH for more details regarding partially met criteria. Our response addressing CEPH concerns is due on July 29th. The partially met items are fixable and Doug will continue to work with John Ehiri on our response report.

- New Special Topics Course: PHP 495/595 – Health Profession Finance – Fall 2020 (González-Fagoaga)



PHP 495 595 health
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Eduardo gave an overview of a new special topics course in PHP. It is a financial literacy course open to all UAHS students.

Comments from committee:

- The course does not address public health issues and is more of a business/finance class for health science students.
 - The Student Affairs Committee has requested financial literacy information in the form of a workshop series rather than a tuition-based course. It may be difficult for students to fit this into their schedule.
 - A public health workforce with financial skills are in a better position to help people and communities experiencing financial stress. WRPHTC is developing a training in this subject that may be relevant to the course.
 - Including grant funding and loan re-payment topics would be valuable to students taking this course.
 - COVID-19: Advising Students (Tisch)
Chris Tisch was asked by Nursing what messaging students received from our college regarding COVID-19. Chris asked the group if we should formulate an announcement to our students and, if so, what it should state.

Comments from committee:

- Messaging should be consistent with UA policy
- Situation is evolving quickly and there are many unanswered questions. Recommend a “wait and see” response to internships, etc. and advise students to develop contingency plans.
- It would be helpful to have a centralized response mechanism in MEZCOPH to coordinate efforts in the college and with our community partners.
- Course attendance policies should be reevaluated.

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

- Minutes Approval: February 5, 2020 meeting



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A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 5, 2020 minutes.
The motion was approved by a vote of: 11-0

- **Old Business:**

- Planning for Online MPH Course Availability (*Tisch*)

With the move away from Pearson, we have an opportunity to allow main campus students to take 8-week online classes. Chris would like to form a committee to start planning MPH course availability and asked for volunteers. Tanya Nemec, Samantha Pierce, Kacey Ernst, and Velia Lebas Nuño volunteered to join Chris Tisch and John Ehiri on this committee.

- Dean Hakim has stated the online classes will remain in the 7.5/8-week format. Online MPH students are not eligible to take a 15-week i-course but main campus students may now have the opportunity to take 7.5/8-week online courses.
- Chris will follow up with John to discuss college policy before convening committee. Discussion tabled until next meeting. *

- **New Business:**

- Health Science IPEs – direct vs. non-direct observation experiences (*Pogreba-Brown*)

Faculty and students are confused about which IPEs are observed vs. non-observed and it would be helpful to develop clarity around which activities qualify as directly observed and assessed. MPH Coordinators will follow up with John Ehiri to discuss the degree requirement in more detail. Discussion tabled until next meeting. *

- Student Perceptions of CEPH Competencies (*Tisch*)

Students do not know what their program competencies are. Chris suggested creating a standardized presentation by faculty for students during orientation to help them understand the concept/value of competencies.

Comments from committee:

- Each student could have a sheet that lists their program-specific competencies at orientation. Students could indicate how confident they are in a competency and bring this information to their first meeting with their advisor.
- Competencies should be put into context as a subset of many things students will learn.

Chris will follow up with Doug Taren and John Ehiri for assistance with creating a competency presentation. *

- Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, Committee Members (Taren)



Teaching Award
Nomination Form ar

Doug is seeking volunteers to review teaching award nominations and select 2020 winner. Previous winners, Kristen Pogreba Brown and Kate Ellingson, are automatically on the review committee. Tanya Nemec and Doug Taren also volunteered. Doug will convene a meeting with the committee before graduation. *

- **Other Business and Reminders:**

- Graduate Preceptorship Courses: 591, 691, 791 (Kilungo)
EHS faculty would like to set up grad preceptorship sections. HPS and BIOS are continuing to discuss whether to use these sections in their program. * Discussion tabled until next meeting.

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

- Adding Competencies to Curriculum Guide (Taren)
Doug asked if committee members would like to add competencies to the Curriculum Guide. Most attendees prefer to keep them on the website with a hyperlink to them in the Curriculum Guide

Next Scheduled Meeting: Date: April 1, 2020 - 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Drach A326

***Action Items:**

- Chris Tisch will discuss policies regarding online MPH course availability with John Ehiri and report back to Education Committee in April. (Tisch, Ehiri)
- MPH Coordinators will discuss IPE degree requirement (what is working and what problems need to be addressed) with John Ehiri and report back to Education Committee at future meeting. (Nemec, Pierce, Barnes, Ehiri)
- Chris Tisch will follow up with Doug Taren and John Ehiri for assistance with creating a competency presentation for orientation. (Tisch, Taren, Ehiri)
- Convene Teaching Award Review Committee meeting to review nominations prior to May graduation. (Ehiri, Taren, Nemec, Ellingson, Pogreba Brown, Embry (admin))
- Add EHS graduate level preceptorship sections to catalog (Embry, Taren, Ehiri)
- Program Directors will discuss graduate-level preceptorships with department faculty and, if interested, initiate activation of 591, 691, and/or 791 sections with Danielle before next Education Committee meeting in April. (Leybas Nuño, Carvajal, Bedrick, González-Fagoaga)