

MEZCOPH Education Committee Meeting
“Final Meeting Minutes”

May 6, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom: <https://uahs.zoom.us/j/215120653>

Program Directors / Voting Members Present: Ed Bedrick, Scott Carvajal, Gabriela Coronel, John Ehiri (ex-officio), Kacey Ernst, Joe Gerald, Eduardo González Fagoaga, Magdiel Habila, Aminata Kilungo, Velia Leybas Nuño, Chris Tisch, Amanda Wilson, Kimberly York

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

Other Members Present: Kimberly Barnes, Danielle Embry, Melanie Fleck, Laura Gronewold, Tanya Nemec, Gisela Ochoa, Adaeze Oguegbu, Samantha Pierce, Kristen Pogreba Brown, Amanda Sokan, Michael Tearne

• **Announcements:**

- Spring 2021 Schedule (*Danielle Embry*)
Open scheduling for the spring 2021 course schedule is available until July 26, 2020. Danielle will follow up with Program Directors for their updates. *
- CEPH Site Visit Report (*John Ehiri*)
Dr. Ehiri has been working with faculty to formulate MEZCOPH’s response to the seven partially met criteria in the CEPH report. He expects to receive information about our accreditation status by December.



- UA Global Initiative (*John Ehiri*)
[UA Global Campus](#) has been initiated as a way to address some of the financial challenges UA is facing with COVID-19. International students will enroll in classes while maintaining residence in their home countries. International high school students will have an opportunity to enroll in 100-level courses. Dean Hakim, Dr. Ehiri, and Jing Liu have reviewed potential tuition revenue from UGC and have decided to open our undergraduate courses to these students. If faculty are interested in contributing to this effort, Dr. Ehiri recommends they create 100-200 level courses for fall. *
- 100-level EHS Course (*Kilungo*)
EHS is developing a 100-level general education course that provides students exposure to One Health concepts. It will be offered to high school students as a recruitment effort for our bachelor’s program. Dr. Kilungo will schedule it as a special topics course (EHS 195) in the fall and plans to bring a syllabus to the June meeting for review as a permanent course.

Comments from the committee:

- It is important that departments stay in communication about development of new general education courses to ensure they are not duplicating course content.

- UA is re-designing the general education program. It is unclear how this will impact the approval of new gen ed courses.

- AZ Online MPH Update (marketing, course development etc.) (*Samantha Pierce*)

Tiffany Castro is the new admissions coordinator for AZ Online. Online MPH Program Directors will receive pending application notices from her. There are 92 in-progress applications and 42 are almost complete. The fall 2020 application deadline is July 1st.

A new online MPH website is live: <https://online.arizona.edu/programs/graduate/online-master-public-health-public-health-mph>

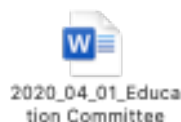
- Admissions and Graduation Update (*Chris Tisch*)

New student applications and yields are approximately the same as last year. The deadline for applying is June 1st and the GRE is not required this year.

There are 188 students participating in the virtual convocation, that includes a slide show of graduates, celebratory videos, and real time social media streams. The UA and all colleges will use Marching Order software.

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

- Minutes Approval: April 1, 2020 meeting



- Proposed New Permanent Course:

- PHP 150x – Aging – Everyone is Doing It! (Tier 1 Gen Ed) (*Eduardo Gonzalez, Amanda Sokan*)



A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.
The motion was approved by a vote of: 10-0

- **Old Business:**

- Planning for Online MPH Course Availability (*John Ehiri, Chris Tisch*)

After consulting with Dean Hakim and Jing Liu, college-wide policies regarding online MPH and main campus courses were developed:

- 1) The online and in-person programs are separate. Each program has a different tuition base and revenue stream. Students should be advised to take courses that are designed/scheduled for their program.
- 2) In cases where an individual student would benefit by taking a course in a different program, the creation of an i-course section for an online course, or vice versa, may be approved on a case-by-case basis. The request may be sent to Danielle who will communicate with Dr. Ehiri, and a decision will be made within 48 hours.

- **New Business:**

- Undergraduate Certificate in One Health – Proposed Course Changes (*Aminata Kilungo*)



CEP would like to replace EHS 375 with EHS 420 in the undergraduate certificate in One Health. In addition, they will correct a typo in the EHS 439A course number.

- Streamline/Simplify the Course Approval Process (*John Ehiri*)

Colleges across the university are able to get courses developed and approved more quickly than MEZCOPH. Our college process is slow and may contain unnecessary barriers. As most members of the Undergraduate Sub-Committee are also members of the Education Committee, Dr. Ehiri proposed eliminating the Undergraduate Committee review for new undergrad courses/programs.

Comments from the committee:

- The Undergraduate Sub-Committee adds value, with a big picture view on how courses work together across departments and fit into the broader undergraduate curriculum.
- Our process has already been streamlined by allowing courses to be approved on the Consent Agenda and allowing Department/Undergraduate Sub-Committee course reviews to happen simultaneously.
- As new courses and programs are developed across the university, especially with a new interest in pandemics and public health, it is important for faculty who represent MEZCOPH on university-wide committees to let other colleges know what we are already teaching.
- We have a number of courses on the books, however there is room and an urgency to develop 100-200 level public health courses for a non-public health audience.

- **Other Business and Reminders:**

- 2020 Excellence in Teaching Award (*John Ehiri*)

The award will be announced by the Dean during our retreat in December. The committee will meet soon to review the nominations and decide on the recipient of this award.

- **Future Business:**

- Kristen Pogreba Brown would like to discuss MEZCOPH faculty involvement in AHSC IPE Activities at our next meeting. *

Next Scheduled Meeting: Date: June 3, 2020 - 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom

***Action Items:**

- (carried over from April) MPH Coordinators will finalize new IPE assessment policies and share with students, faculty, and Education Committee members at June meeting. (*Nemec, Barnes, Pierce, Ehiri*)
- (carried over from April) Program Directors check fall 2020 sections that are missing instructors and work to identify people who can teach them. (*All Program Directors*)

- Danielle will contact Program Directors for updates/changes to spring 2021 schedule. (*Embry, All Program Directors*)
- Departments interested in offering a new 100-200 level course/special topics for Global Campus enrollment in the fall may contact Dr. Ehiri and Danielle for assistance with setting them up. (*All Program Directors, Ehiri, Embry*)
- Danielle will add proposed agenda item – AHSC IPE Activities - to the June agenda. (*Embry*)
- Dr. Ehiri will coordinate with Kristen Pogreba Brown re: faculty involvement in AHSC IPE Activities and discuss the issue with Margie Arnett prior to June meeting. (*Pogreba Brown, Ehiri*)