



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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College of Public Health

Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2021

12:00-1:00 pm

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/89923410750>

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

Mona Arora, Gail Barker, Leila Barraza, Ben Brady, Stephanie Carroll, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, Felina Cordova-Marks, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Joe Gerald, Kirin Goff, Aminata Kilungo, Lindsay Kohler, Karl Krupp, Chris Lim, Mark Martz, David Marrero, Adaeze Oguegbu, Kelly Reynolds, Refugio Sepulveda, Amanda Sokan, Terry Urbine, Amanda Wilson

Primary Faculty Absent: Halima Alaofe, Jennifer Bea, Paloma Beamer, Ed Bedrick, Melanie Bell, Dean Billheimer, Heidi Brown, Leonard Brown, Jeff Burgess, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, Dan Derksen, John Ehiri, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, Melissa Furlong, Ibrahim Garba, David Garcia, Lynn Gerald, Laura Gronewold, Iman Hakim, Robin Harris, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Paul Hsu, Chengcheng Hu, Beth Jacobs, Yann Klimentidis, Mary Koss, Deanna Lewis, Velia Leybas Nuño, Kimberly Lind, Yiwen Liu, Purnima Madhivanan, Priscilla Magrath, Martha Moore-Monroy, Tomas Nuño, Sydney Pettygrove, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Rustin Reed, Denise Roe, Cecilia Rosales, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, Frank Von Hippel, Nicole Yuan

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present: Danielle Embry, Ali Gabriel, Christine Girard, Maia Ingram, Karen Tiggs, Dirk Timmerman

Guests: Eric Bergthold - *Executive Director, Office of International Development*, Greg Collins - *Associate Vice President, Resilience and International Development*, John Magistro - *Senior Manager, Business Development, Office of International Development*

Meeting Recording: https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/KYZjj-A3Q_f91yA24jdO8A2XBkWOwFOMQly7pMplyEYOpG2CI8qPt27VmrZBOaP0.UZOLLc8Maj0uH6dj?startTime=1637347961000

1. Zoom Phone Update (*Dirk Timmerman*)

Dirk Timmerman reminded faculty that MEZCOPH is switching to Zoom phone service. He emailed a survey link to the faculty listserv and encouraged everyone to complete the survey at their earliest convenience. The Business Office is tracking all MEZCOPH phone numbers and can re-assign any missing phone numbers for up to one year after the transition. Dirk is available to answer questions about this change.

2. Review / Approval of September 24, 2021 Meeting minutes (*Janet Foote*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The September 24, 2021 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

3. Faculty Senate Update (*Joe Gerald*)

In a recent meeting, an expert from Architecture presented data demonstrating UA air quality

infrastructure was below industry standards. The expert was invited to share data with PHACT, and the concerns are reflective of general air quality in UA buildings, not in terms of COVID transmission. Joe noted there are currently no channels for experts in public health to present recommendations to address occupational health concerns. He is considering drafting a proposal to create an advisory committee for occupational health/public health issues on campus. Upper administration is concerned with the cost of implementing such changes and it would be helpful to have a group who considers the impact on human health and can suggest mitigation strategies that are possible within the economic constraints of the university. Joe welcomed feedback from the faculty.

4. Program Reports

a. Community, Environment & Policy (*Joe Gerald, Aminata Kilungo*)

- No updates

b. Epidemiology & Biostats (*Kacey Ernst / Edward Bedrick*)

- Zhao Chen shared syllabi for two new courses offered in spring 2022, a graduate level mixed methods research course and a course on healthy aging.
- The Data Science program is growing. They are in the process of hiring a tenure-eligible Assistant/Associate Professor in Biostatistics, and recruiting for a Professor of Practice in Biostatistics.
- EPI/BIOS is experimenting with innovative teaching methods. BIOS 576A has a large lecture session as well as hands-on practice sessions for students to work with statistical software.

c. Health Promotion Sciences (*Scott Carvajal*)

- HPS has a new Administrative Associate, Terri Mahaffey. Terri comes to UA with extensive background in education, most recently the online MPH at Creighton University.
- The MPH-Global Health emphasis has been de-coupled from Family and Child Health and is now a stand-alone emphasis. HPS has three tracks in the MPH: Global Health, Family & Child Health and Health Promotion.

d. PHP & Translational Research (*Amanda Soka, Terry Urbine*)

- Terry Urbine announced they are continuing work on a new BA degree located at the Phoenix campus.
- PHP/TR is developing goals and objectives for their strategic plan.
- Terry Urbine and Christine Girard are developing a new general education course, designed to be taught by graduate students under the supervision of a faculty member. It is based on an economic model utilized across campus to fund graduate students by offering opportunities to teach lower level courses in their department.

5. Faculty Assembly – Nominations for Chair-Elect (*Janet Foote*)

Janet encouraged faculty to nominate themselves or a colleague to serve as the next Faculty Assembly Chair.

6. Resilience and International Development (*John Magistro, Eric Bergthold, Gregory Collins*)

Greg Collins, Associate Vice President for Resilience and International Development, is seeking to connect faculty with opportunities in international development and position UA as a partner of choice in efforts to increase resilience to global crisis. Threats posed by COVID, protracted conflicts and climate change are reshaping the landscape of international development. There are opportunities in the public health arena to increase resilience, especially in the context of global health and global health systems.

The UA Office of International Development identifies funding opportunities and acts as a bridge between UA faculty/researchers and external partners. They assist with project awards and, in some cases, are involved in project implementation. The office has engaged with a few public health faculty and would like to expand collaboration efforts to more public health faculty interested in international development. They welcome research ideas that would be relevant in the international development space and can facilitate opportunities to shape research with external partners.

Comments from the committee:

- The faculty asked for contact information:
 - To receive information about resilience and international development, subscribe here: <https://www.airinternationalprograms.arizona.edu/get-connected>.
 - Their contact information is Greg Collins (gregcollins@arizona.edu), Eric Bergthold (ebergthold@arizona.edu) and John Magistro (jvm@arizona.edu)

7. Announcements

- The Fall 2021 Virtual MPH Internship Conference is in session and projects are posted to the website.

8. January 21, 2022 College Climate Survey Results & Discussion with Facilitators (*Janet Foote*)

The College Climate Survey results are ready. Paloma Beamer is setting up a discussion with facilitators in January 21, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 12.40.

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