

**MEZCOPH Education Committee Meeting
“Final Meeting Minutes”**

December 1, 2021

2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/86894771259>

Program Directors / Voting Members Present: Ed Bedrick, Chris Cutshaw, Andre Dickerson, John Ehiri (ex-officio), Kacey Ernst, Joe Gerald, Aminata Kilungo, Velia Leybas Nuño, Amanda Sokan, Gabriela Valdez, Nicole Yuan

Program Directors / Voting Members Absent: Magdiel Habila, Terry Urbine

Other Members Present: Mariah Alberty, Kim Barnes, Gisela Cardenas, Jen Deschenes, Danielle Embry, Melanie Fleck, Tanya Nemec, Samantha Pierce, Kristen Pogreba Brown, Michael Tearne,

Meeting Recording:

<https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/PeXe29EXCgrTwJNHIViA1zp8WiMBq19s14Z0qzFI75JStKFxs8zgFyKnapNIxoga.LnFEycZsOsPP0pEh?startTime=1638392278000>

• **Announcements:**

• Fall/Summer 2022 Schedules (*Danielle Embry*)

Danielle shared draft fall/summer 2022 schedules with Program Directors and asked for changes and updates by January 7th. If any in-person courses will change to Hybrid, Live Online or Fully Online, it would be helpful to ensure these all course modalities are updated by the January 7th deadline. *

• New Course/Program Updates (*Danielle Embry*)



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Program Updates_1

Danielle announced three new programs were fully approved by the UA for spring 2022 implementation: the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Health, the Undergraduate Minor in Environmental and Occupational Health, and the Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health (see attachment for more details).

• MEZCOPH Fall Convocation (*Andre Dickerson, Gisela Cardenas*)

The Fall Convocation will occur on December 17th. The undergraduate and graduate ceremonies are separate, undergraduate in the morning, graduate in the afternoon. Masks are required for in-person attendees. 57 undergraduate students are graduating this fall and 47 students will be participating in the ceremony:

- Environmental & Occupational Health: 9
- Global Health: 7
- Health Promotion: 17
- Health Systems Theory & Practice: 13
- Public Health Practice: 1

91 graduate students are completing their programs and 44 students will be participating in the ceremony:

- 10 MS/Doctoral
 - 1 PhD BIOS
 - 1 MS EPI
 - 1 PhD EPI
 - 1 MSPH HBHP
 - 5 DrPH MCH
 - 1 DrPH PHPM
- 34 MPH

- 5 Main campus
 - o EOH: 2
 - o EPI: 2
 - o FCH: 1

- 26 Online
 - o AE: 4
 - o HP: 11
 - o HSA: 11

- 3 Phoenix
 - o HSA: 1
 - o PHP: 2

Six faculty have confirmed attendance at the undergraduate ceremony and eight have confirmed participation in the graduate ceremony. Faculty are asked to arrive ½ hour before the event. Each ceremony is expected to last an hour. Gisela and Andre will be reaching out to faculty soon regarding student awards.

Consent Agenda: (*All voting members*)

- Minutes Approval: November 3, 2021 meeting

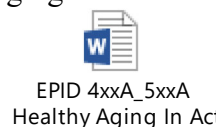


- New Course Proposals:

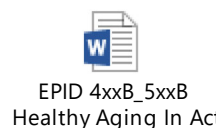
- CPH/GHI 5xx Global Maternal Health: Cultural Perceptions and Policy Approaches (*Gabriela Valdez*)



- EPID 4xxA/5xxA Healthy Aging in Action – Part A (*Kacey Ernst*)



- EPID 4xxB/5xxB Healthy Aging in Action – Part B (*Kacey Ernst*)



Comments from the committee:

- The 400/500-level EPID courses are missing graduate level components. These need to be included on the syllabi before submitting to UA.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion was approved by a vote of: 8-0

- **Old Business:**

- Action Item: Mid-term Course Evaluations (*Chris Cutshaw*)



Proposal Mid
semester Course Eva

Chris introduced the final mid-course evaluation proposal for online MPH courses. It will be a pilot program implemented in the spring with a report back to the Education Committee in summer or fall to see if the program merits further discussion.

Comments from the committee:

- It was asked who would receive the evaluations and how they would be utilized. The evaluation data is viewed as constructive feedback and would go to the instructor and Chris Cutshaw. If there were multiple concerns raised, the Course Director and/or Program Director would also be notified.
- The questions are listed on the attached proposal document. The evaluation request will go out to students on week two of the 7-week session and be left open for the whole session.
- When would reminders to complete the survey go out to students? They do not want to overlap mid-term evaluation reminders with the SCS, so reminders will go out from week 3-5, before the SCSs begin.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mid-Term Course Evaluation Proposal.
The motion was approved by a vote of: 9-0

- **New Business:**

- Action Item: Proposed Undergraduate Certificate in Safety (*Aminata Kilungo*)



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Aminata gave an overview of the proposed Safety certificate. It is a collaborative effort between chemistry, mining and EHS and it is expected to satisfy workforce training in occupational safety. EHS has been the recipient of a NIOSH (National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health) training grant for several years and is well-positioned to offer this certificate.

Comments from the committee:

- It was asked if new courses are being developed for this certificate. The core courses, EHS 375 and 422, are pre-existing courses. Chemistry is developing three new 1-unit lab safety courses for the certificate. The certificate is structured well to educate students without over-burdening faculty by developing/teaching new courses.
- The collaborative effort to develop the certificate is appreciated and, with the mining focus, the program is responsive to the needs of our state.
- UA committees have expressed a concern when undergraduate certificates consist of all upper division coursework. This may be raised again when the proposal is reviewed by UA committees. The certificate has foundational prerequisites of MATH 112 and a 100-level Chemistry class. Students must complete these classes prior to admission in the certificate. The program could be marketed as an 'advanced' UG certificate.

- Some of the chemistry classes listed as prerequisites are the first course in a two-course sequence. The certificate will only require one semester of chemistry as a prerequisite.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Proposed Undergraduate Certificate in Safety. The motion was approved by a vote of: 10-0

- Discussion Item: Overlap and Double Use of Courses across MEZCOPH Programs (Michael Tearne)



Graduate Certificate Programs

Michael gave an overview of graduate certificates offered in MEZCOPH. Students pursue graduate certificates for workforce training as well as a bridge to a more advanced degree. Graduate certificates generally have low enrollment and, in MEZCOPH, only half the students who matriculate complete the program. This may be due to financial barriers. There is no financial aid for graduate certificates and MEZCOPH fees are higher than other programs at UA.

Suggestions for increasing certificate enrollment include aligning Main Campus fees with our other graduate programs, reducing the admission gpa to 2.75 and aligning certificate curriculum with the MPH. When developing a certificate, it is helpful to use existing courses and include OSSAA early in the discussion/planning stage.

- Discussion Item: Climate Survey Results – Action Planning (Kacey Ernst)

Kacey is coordinating a focused discussion and action items planning session around the student/educational portion of the climate survey. There will be facilitators from outside MEZCOPH in attendance to help guide discussions. It would be useful to devote an upcoming Education Committee meeting for this discussion. Kacey invited faculty to send her feedback on the best way to structure these sessions to cultivate participation. *

Comments from the committee:

- It was asked if the CIE had an estimated time when they would like this meeting to take place. They would like to complete the forums early in mid-January to mid-February to allow for more time to work on priority action items during the semester.
- Committee members agreed to devote substantial time for this discussion at our January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: January 5, 2021, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom

* Action Items:

- Program Directors review fall & summer 2022 schedules and send changes/updates to Danielle by January 7, 2022. (Danielle Embry, All Program Directors)
- Send Kacey Ernst feedback and ideas for structuring upcoming Climate Survey Action-Item Planning sessions to cultivate broad participation among faculty, staff and students. (All Committee Members)

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