



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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College of Public Health

Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2021

12:00-1:00 pm

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/88043237661>

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

Gail Barker, Leila Barraza, Melanie Bell, Benjamin Brady, Heidi Brown, Leonard Brown, Jeff Burgess, Scott Carvajal, Chris Cutshaw, Dan Derksen, John Ehiri, Ibrahim Garba, Joe Gerald, Laura Gronewold, Iman Hakim, Paul Hsu, Aminata Kilungo, Lindsay Kohler, Chris Lim, Purnima Madhivanan, Mark Martz, Tomas Nuño, Adaeze Oguegbu, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Kelly Reynolds, Refugio Sepulveda, Amanda Sokan, Doug Taren, Terry Urbine, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, Nicole Yuan

Primary Faculty Absent: Halima Alaofe, Jennifer Bea, Paloma Beamer, Ed Bedrick, Dean Billheimer, Stephanie Carroll, Zhao Chen, Leslie Dennis, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, Leslie Farland, Melissa Furlong, David Garcia, Lynn Gerald, Kirin Goff, Eduardo González Fagoaga, Robin Harris, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Chengcheng Hu, Beth Jacobs, Yann Klimentidis, Mary Koss, Deanna Lewis, Velia Lebas Nuño, Kimberly Lind, Yiwen Liu, Priscilla Magrath, Martha Monroy, Sheila Parker, Sydney Pettygrove, Denise Roe, Cecilia Rosales, Xiaoxiao Sun, Doug Taren, Cynthia Thomson, Jin Zhou

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present:

Danielle Embry, Christine Girard, Maia Ingram, Karl Krupp, Jean McClelland, John Molina, Naqib Safi, Chris Tisch, Dirk Timmermann

Meeting Recording:

<https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/Un4FUFp4JjYIYzuBBhhNQkz9EhUtyoqx0KXpverf5gmfn4BWQpiC6qU8I4C7jKdL.7UIIFNBaLUKG2hIL?startTime=1611341400000>

1. Review / Approval of November 20, 2020 Meeting minutes (*Janet Foote*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The November 20, 2020 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

2. Program Reports and Introduction of New Faculty

a. Community, Environment & Policy (*Kelly Reynolds*)

- Dr. Chris Lim is a new faculty member in EHS. Dr. Lim's expertise is relating sensor monitoring to climate change and other environmental exposures.
- CEP is continuing its search for another full professor. They have made an offer to an assistant-level faculty member who they hope will join the department this summer.

b. Epidemiology & Biostatistics (*Kacey Ernst & Ed Bedrick*)

no updates

c. Health Promotion Sciences (*Scott Carvajal*)

- Scott announced several changes in the HPS department: Scott is now Interim Department Chair, Velia Leybas Nuño is Program Director for the new BA in Wellness and Health Promotion Practice, Nicole Yuan is Program Director for Health Behavior

Health Promotion, and Purnima Madhivanan is Program Director for Family and Child Health/Global Health.

- Dr. Jen Bea has joined HPS as an Associate Professor. Dr. Bea's research is in childhood obesity and is currently working on projects with tribal communities.
- Dr. Naqib Safi has also joined HPS. Dr. Safi has expertise in global health, including efforts through UNICEF.

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

- PHP/TR is embarking on a strategic planning initiative. Karen Tiggs has expertise in strategic planning and will help to facilitate their efforts.

3. Space Needs in Next Five Years (*Jeff Burgess*)

Jeff announced that the university is in the process of updating space, including medical school offices that are vacant due to the new Banner facilities. They have asked us to request any space needs we may have in the next five years. Jeff asked faculty to let their Department Chair know if they will have any additional space needs as soon as possible.

4. Nominations for Chair-Elect, Candidates (*Janet Foote*)

Janet asked faculty to nominate themselves or a colleague to serve as Faculty Assembly Chair-Elect.

5. Faculty Wellness Moment & Challenge (*Janet Foote*)

Janet led a community building/wellness exercise.

6. Call for topics/speakers for upcoming Faculty Assembly meetings (*Janet Foote*)

Janet asked for input on future speakers/topics. Faculty expressed interest in the following topics:

- Q & A on current public health topics (epidemiology, infectious disease, policy, etc.) with experts in our college.
- Racism and public health, including how we can integrate such discussions into the curriculum and classroom. The topic could be expanded to other 'isms' as well.

7. Announcements

- Chris Tisch announced that the upcoming Social Justice Symposium theme is Racism and Public Health. The symposium will be a virtual event at the end of March. Faculty are encouraged to attend and participate.
- Dan Derksen announced the upcoming Public Health Policy conference will be a virtual event on February 1-2, 2021. There is a link to register on the Center for Rural Health website: <https://crh.arizona.edu/calendar/arizona-rural-public-health-policy-forum-2>
- Pima County Health Department is seeking volunteers to assist with vaccine delivery operations. There will be an announcement and sign-up sent out soon.
- Jean McClelland is available for classroom visits to let students know about library resources. She provided several links:
 - Library Resources in Public Health - for undergrads: <https://hub.coph.arizona.edu/undergraduate-students/library-resources>
 - for grads: <https://hub.coph.arizona.edu/graduate-students/library-resources>
 - for online mph: <https://hub.coph.arizona.edu/online-mph-students/library-resources>
- Janet Foote introduced Dirk Timmerman, MEZCOPH's new Director of IT.

8. Date for next Faculty Assembly Meeting (*Janet Foote*)

Faculty agreed on February 26, 2021 for the next Faculty Assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

Changes or corrections to the minutes should be submitted to:

Danielle Embry, *Coordinator, MEZCOPH Academic Curriculum and Faculty Affairs*