



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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College of Public Health

Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2021

12:00-1:00 pm

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/86099067218>

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

Halima Alaofo, Gail Barker, Melanie Bell, Benjamin Brady, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, John Ehiri, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Joe Gerald, Kirin Goff, Iman Hakim, Purnima Madhivanan, Mark Martz, Adaeze Oguegbu, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Terry Urbine, Gabriela Valdez, Frank Von Hippel, Nicole Yuan

Primary Faculty Absent: Leila Barraza, Jennifer Bea, Paloma Beamer, Ed Bedrick, Melanie Bell, Dean Billheimer, Heidi Brown, Leonard Brown, Jeff Burgess, Stephanie Carroll, Felina Cordova, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, Dan Derksen, Duke Duncan, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, Leslie Farland, Melissa Furlong, Ibrahim Garba, David Garcia, Lynn Gerald, Laura Gronewold, Robin Harris, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Paul Hsu, Chengcheng Hu, Beth Jacobs, Aminata Kilungo, Yann Klimentidis, Lindsay Kohler, Mary Koss, Velia Leybas Nuño, Chris Lim, Kimberly Lind, Yiwen Liu, Priscilla Magrath, Mark Martz, Martha Monroy, Thomas Nuño, Sheila Parker, Sydney Pettygrove, Rustin Reed, Kelly Reynolds, Denise Roe, Cecilia Rosales, Refugio Sepulveda, Amanda Soka, Xiaoxiao Sun, Doug Taren, Cynthia Thomson, Marc Verhougstraete, Jin Zhou

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present:

Danielle Embry, Jean McClelland, Christine Girard, Chris Tisch, Dirk Timmermann

Meeting Recording:

https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/gD0eGa4dgHAozVPAbefxl0enpr6nEcNyfY0SiJqNQmiv0W0-jAu6x-46yO_OJpA-.A13LtDCPOLNNaelf

1. Review / Approval of March 26, 2021 Meeting minutes (Janet Foote)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The March 26, 2021 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

2. Program Reports

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

No updates. Joe Gerald announced recent Covid-19 numbers for the state.

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

No updates.

c. Health Promotion Sciences (*Scott Carvajal*)

- The MPH concentrations in Family & Child Health and Global Health are now separate, stand-alone emphasis areas.
- The BA in Wellness and Health Promotion Practice has been fully approved for a fall 2021 launch.

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

No updates.

3. Introduction to Research (*Frank von Hippel*)

Dr. Frank von Hippel, Professor in Community, Environment and Policy, presented a brief introduction to his research.

4. Announcements

- Chris Tisch announced that they are no longer accepting nominations for outstanding senior or outstanding MPH student. Delta Omega nominations are still open.
- Chris reviewed the upcoming May Commencement/Convocation ceremony on May 12th. Faculty are asked to record a 30 second congratulatory video to the graduates. Participating students must show they have been vaccinated or tested negative for COVID-19.
- Graduate Student Orientation will occur Thursday and Friday 8/19 and 8/20.
- Joe Gerald announced two updates from Faculty Senate:
 - There was strong objection to the new Gen Ed Refresh. Concerns were raised by science faculty due to the reduction in natural science requirements from 9 to 3 units. Faculty Senate voted to approve but an ad-hoc subcommittee was created to address concerns.
 - The proposed BS in Medicine was up for a vote. This program received substantial objections from Faculty Senate. Every Department Chair from the College of Science opposed it. Objections included:
 - Misrepresentation on what you can do with the degree upon graduation, listing careers that do not require a bachelor's degree.
 - Lack of student services infrastructure to manage an undergraduate program in the College of Medicine.
 - Program misrepresentation to international students, as a BS is the accepted degree to practice as a physician in some countries.
 - Many public health students are pre-med. This program may draw students away from our undergraduate public health/health sciences programs.
 - The curriculum outline was heavy in basic medical sciences, which may prevent graduates from finding meaningful careers if they are not accepted into a professional school.

No vote was taken, and an ad-hoc subcommittee was created to review the new major in more detail.

Comments from the committee:

- Joe was asked to share the curriculum. He will send it to the faculty listserv.
- Janet announced that students are looking forward to in-person courses again. They did not like lack of spring break and want to participate more with faculty mentors. Faculty are encouraged to find ways to help students participate in publications.
- The MEZCOPH Climate Survey Results Presentation in a virtual Town Hall will be on Monday, April 26, 12noon-1pm, via zoom.

- The Collegewide Spring Retreat is May 21st. More details will be provided soon. There will be no Faculty Assembly meeting in May.

5. Faculty Assembly: Nominations for Chair-elect, candidates. (Janet Foote)

“The Assembly will be led by a Chair (serving one year) and Chair-elect (serving two years, one as Chair-elect and a second as Chair). Each year a Chair-elect will be chosen by the voting members of the Faculty Assembly.”

Janet announced that we are still seeking a Faculty Assembly Chair-elect. She encouraged faculty to step forward or nominate a colleague.

6. Date for next Faculty Assembly Meeting (Janet Foote)

The next meeting will be July 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

Changes or corrections to the minutes should be submitted to:

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