



Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2021

12:00-1:00 pm

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/82919628945>

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

Halima Alaofe, Jennifer Bea, Stephanie Carroll, Scott Carvajal, Dan Derksen, Duke Duncan, Joe Gerald, Iman Hakim, Lindsay Kohler, Purnima Madhivanan, Martha Moore-Monroy, Adaeze Oguegbu, Kelly Reynolds, Cecilia Rosales, Doug Taren, Frank Von Hippel, Amanda Wilson

Primary Faculty Absent: Gail Barker, Leila Barraza, Paloma Beamer, Ed Bedrick, Melanie Bell, Dean Billheimer, Ben Brady, Heidi Brown, Leonard Brown, Jeff Burgess, Zhao Chen, Felina Cordova, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, John Ehiri, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, Leslie Farland, Melissa Furlong, Ibrahim Garba, David Garcia, Lynn Gerald, Kirin Goff, Laura Gronewold, Robin Harris, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Paul Hsu, Chengcheng Hu, Beth Jacobs, Aminata Kilungo, Yann Klimentidis, Mary Koss, Deanna Lewis, Velia Leybas Nuño, Chris Lim, Kimberly Lind, Yiwen Liu, Priscilla Magrath, Mark Martz, Thomas Nuño, Sydney Pettygrove, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Rustin Reed, Denise Roe, Refugio Sepulveda, Amanda Soka, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Terry Urbine, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, Nicole Yuan, Jin Zhou

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present:

Danielle Embry, Ali Gabriel, Maia Ingram, Jean McClelland, Dirk Timmerman

Meeting Recording:

https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/3v_cg8Vm7m8QJSkpxxdqZnQ638Wl89G6H6SvlX5gD92GzBIuhbUbFz5PGHaTmfz.lq4qAJF25xLz0Zj8?startTime=1627066359000

1. Review / Approval of April 23, 2021 Meeting minutes (*Janet Foote*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The April 23, 2021 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

2. IT Updates (*Dirk Timmerman*)

- The UA has a new ticketing system for IT assistance. There have been complications with the new system. If faculty need help, they are advised to email coph-help@arizona.edu.
- Delays should be expected on new equipment purchases as there is an industry wide shipping delay.
- EndNote is available to all students, faculty and staff.

Comments from the committee:

- It was asked which version of Windows we should be using. Version 10 is the most updated. IT is working to ensure all systems are updated.

3. Program Reports

- a. Community, Environment & Policy (*Kelly Reynolds*)
Kelly introduced Amanda Wilson who is a new Assistant Professor in Environmental Health Sciences with expertise in risk assessment modeling.
- b. Epidemiology & Biostats (*Kacey Ernst / Edward Bedrick*)
no updates
- c. Health Promotion Sciences (*Scott Carvajal*)
 - The new BA degree in Wellness and Health Promotion Practice is being implemented for the fall.
 - Doug Taren is joining the University of Colorado, School of Medicine, Pediatric Nutrition department on September 1st. He will also be affiliated with the Colorado School of Public Health. Kelly Reynolds will be taking over the Western Regional Public Health Training Center.
- d. PHP & Translational Research (*Cecilia Rosales*)
The Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Health has been approved for the online campus in spring 2022. Felina Cordova is developing an evaluation course. Stephanie Carroll will be teaching several indigenous health courses. John Molina and Silvia Parra are also offering courses for the certificate in an online format.

3. Report on UAGC Meeting (*Iman Hakim*)

Iman Hakim, John Ehiri, Chris Cutshaw, Janet Foote and Joe Gerald met with the UA Global Campus President, Paul Pastorek, and Provost, Iris Obille Lafferty.

- Chris asked them to add a statement to their website stating that their program is different from our CEPH-accredited online program in MEZCOPH. This is important so that students are not confused about which program they are applying to. A statement has been drafted and sent to them for approval.
- John asked for more information about their MPH program, size, strategic plan and how we can avoid conflict. UAGC responded that they are focused on university accreditation right now and have not made any plans for the programs yet. They are open to dialogue and recommend sending questions for clarification at a later date. Faculty may send any questions or concerns through Iman, John or Janet.

Comments from the committee:

- It was asked if UAGC is pursuing CEPH accreditation or overall university accreditation. They are working on university accreditation now. If they applied for CEPH accreditation, it would take three years to be awarded.

4. Preparing for fall Semester (*Joe Gerald*)

Currently posted information:

<https://provost.arizona.edu/content/academic-instruction-resources>

Arizona is currently tracking 107 new COVID cases per 100,000 residents per week. It is expected to climb and mitigation policies are lacking. Returning to in-person K-12 and university instruction will be a challenge and we may see an acceleration in case rates.

UA is planning mitigation efforts by addressing ventilation in the classroom. UA will install new filters and run air handling units at a higher capacity to reduce transmission in the classroom. Drachman Hall rooms are already operating above the minimal threshold.

There will be no physical distancing or face-covering mandate, however instructors can strongly encourage masking in their classes.

Comments from the committee:

- Banner is requiring vaccination for its employees.
- Pfizer has applied to the FDA for full authorization of its vaccine for age 12 to adult. If approved, it may encourage more employers to require the vaccine. Pfizer will likely apply for emergency authorization to vaccinate down to age 5 in September.
- CDC has been sending money to state and county health centers to address disparities in vaccination rates. This funding will help to increase vaccination rates in hard to reach areas.

5. Announcements

- Leila Barazza received a \$4 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration for the smaller hospital improvement program.
- Through the Center for Rural Health, the state office for rural health was awarded a five-year \$4.5 million competing continuation grant.
- The ISA is working on an \$8 million grant to fund ADHS/CDC interagency service agreement that will address COVID-19 disparities.
- We will resume in-person internships in the fall.
- Agnes Attaki and Timian Godrey passed the Tribal AHEC bill through the state legislature which will create a regional Health Education Center focusing on Indian Health. They will send out a request for proposals October 1st.
- Janet reminded faculty to nominate a colleague to serve as Faculty Assembly chair.

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

The next meeting will be September 24th. We will discuss the Climate Survey results. Faculty may contact Janet with any additional agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37

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