



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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College of Public Health

Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2022

12:00-1:00 pm

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/86116169685>

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

Benjamin Brady, Leonard Brown, Felina Cordova-Marks, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, Dan Derksen, John Ehiri, Joe Gerald, Kirin Goff, Iman Hakim, Paul Hsu, Mary Koss, Purnima Madhivanan, Mark Martz, Adaeze Oguegbu, Kelly Palmer, Sydney Pettygrove, Amanda Sokan, Terry Urbine

Primary Faculty Absent: Halima Alaofo, Mona Arora, Gail Barker, Leila Barraza, Jennifer Bea, Paloma Beamer, Ed Bedrick, Melanie Bell, Dean Billheimer, Heidi Brown, Jeff Burgess, Stephanie Carroll, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, Duke Duncan, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, Melissa Furlong, Ibrahim Garba, David Garcia, Lynn Gerald, Laura Gronewold, Robin Harris, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Chengcheng Hu, Beth Jacobs, Aminata Kilungo, Yann Klimentidis, Lindsay Kohler, Karl Krupp, Deanna Lewis, Velia Leybas Nuño, Chris Lim, Kimberly Lind, Yiwen Liu, Purnima Madhivanan, Priscilla Magrath, Martha Moore-Monroy, Thomas Nuño, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Rustin Reed, Kelly Reynolds, Denise Roe, Cecilia Rosales, Refugio Sepulveda, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, Frank Von Hippel, Amanda Wilson, Nicole Yuan

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present: Andre Dickerson, Danielle Embry, Christine Girard, Jean McClelland, Shipherd Reed, Mohan Tanniru, Karen Tiggs, Dirk Timmerman

Meeting Recording:

https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/ldC32MqOi1PeBZkkL2zNEqghiiwkvwU3bBrN_vYrBr6L87LpgmtqWhf6V4FzMUK.gCi7sdDarWexRn-R

1. Review / Approval of November 19, 2021 Meeting minutes (*Janet Foote*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The November 19, 2021 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

2. Program Reports

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

- AZ Health Sciences published an article on Joe Gerald, recipient of the Public Health Research Award from the Arizona Public Health Association.

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

- No updates

c. Health Promotion Sciences (*Scott Carvajal*)

- HPS is focused on masters/doctoral admissions. They are discussing strategies for student engagement that came out of the climate survey session last week.

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

- Faculty are asked to help promote the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Health to their students and networks.
- The climate survey session was well-organized and they look forward to feedback from the facilitators regarding action items.
- PHP is also working on new student admissions. They are initiating a campaign to call students who have been admitted but have not accepted UA's offer yet. Dr. Urbine asked faculty to reach out if they have advice or experience with this type of campaign.

3. Communications Presentation (*Shipherd Reed*)



2021 Year-End
COPH Comms Report

Shipherd gave an overview of communications channels currently used to market our college and accomplishments by the MEZCOPH communications team in 2021.

Comments from the committee:

- It was asked if the graduate programs landing page on the website will be refreshed. As they build out the new website, the graduate pages will be re-evaluated and built with a stronger focus on student recruitment.
- If faculty have graphic design needs, they may contact Shipherd directly to discuss the project. They manage a large workload and appreciate as much lead time as possible.

4. Faculty Assembly: Nominations for Chair-elect (*Janet Foote*)

Janet encouraged faculty to volunteer or nominate a colleague for the next Faculty Assembly Chair.

5. Additional Announcements and Discussion

- Janet reminded faculty about the upcoming:
MEZCOPH Associate Dean for Research forum
Thursday, March 10, 2022
10 am – noon via Zoom
Candidates: Paloma Beamer, Scott Carvajal, and Zhao Chen
- The next Faculty Assembly meeting will be Friday, March 25th, with a presentation by Taren Ellis Langford, Director, UArizona Office for Responsible Outside Interests.
- Dan Derksen announced that the state passed legislation to expediate expenditure authority for Arizona's Medicaid program. This effort will expand home and community based services and broaden the direct care workforce over the next 24 months.
- UA is planning to allocate a recurring \$4 million to the development of a One Health center. There will be a symposium in May where faculty can present brief summaries on the initiatives they are involved in. Faculty may contact Dan Derksen if they are interested in participating.

Meeting adjourned at 12.42.

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