

Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2022

12:00-1:00 pm

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/84778506976>

Primary Faculty and Lecturers Present: Melissa Furlong, *Chair*

Halima Alaofo, Gail Barker, Leila Barraza, Jennifer Bea, Heidi Brown, Jeff Burgess, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, John Ehiri, Janet Foote, Joe Gerald, Christine Girard, Deanna Lewis, Adaeze Oguegbu, Kelly Palmer, Denise Roe, Amanda Wilson

Primary Faculty Absent: Mona Arora, Paloma Beamer, Ed Bedrick, Dean Billheimer, Benjamin Brady, Leonard Brown, Stephanie Carroll, Felina Cordova-Marks, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, Dan Derksen, Duke Duncan, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, Leslie Farland, Ibrahim Garba, David Garcia, Lynn Gerald, Kirin Goff, Laura Gronewold, Iman Hakim, Robin Harris, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Paul Hsu, Chengcheng Hu, Beth Jacobs, Aminata Kilungo, Yann Klimentidis, Mary Koss, Karl Krupp, Velia Leybas Nuño, Chris Lim, Kimberly Lind, Yiwen Liu, Purnima Madhivanan, Priscilla Magrath, Mark Martz, Martha Moore-Monroy, Thomas Nuño, Sydney Pettygrove, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Rustin Reed, Kelly Reynolds, Cecilia Rosales, Refugio Sepulveda, Amanda Soka, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Terry Urbine, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, Frank Von Hippel, Nicole Yuan

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present: Danielle Embry, Maia Ingram, Jean McClelland, John Molina, Dirk Timmermann

Meeting Recording:

<https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/uUhpSPP4i0G9eATDrPSq9XsLLTjp7U64wRPLEWQXnQYgKz4Q3hrP62lNCgmmR58O.0PwZShbXw46CUDDo?startTime=1656096939000>

1. Faculty Assembly Survey Results (*Melissa Furlong*)



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Melissa reviewed results from the Faculty Assembly Survey (see attached slides for details). The majority of faculty prefer to meet quarterly via Zoom.

Comments from committee:

- The procedure for bringing up voting items at Faculty Assembly is vague. It would be helpful to update bylaws with a defined procedure and action steps for this process.
- It is rare that a quorum is present at faculty assembly. If a voting item is raised in person at a meeting, there is room for clarification of the voting process in the bylaws.

- There are three departments and one division. It was asked if they will be treated as 4 units for the purposes of updates and recognition. Each unit will be allotted the same amount of time in the agenda.

Melissa asked for volunteers to draft a proposed change to the bylaws. Heidi Brown volunteered to assist with this effort.

***ACTION ITEM:** Melissa Furlong and Heidi Brown will draft new language for the faculty assembly bylaws to clarify procedure for voting items by the committee. Once finalized, they will present the draft to faculty for review and approval.

2. Review / Approval of April 22, 2022 Meeting minutes (Melissa Furlong)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The April 22, 2022 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

3. End of Life Curriculum (Zhao Chen)



End of Life
MEZCOPH presentation

Dr. Chen gave an overview of the End of Life Curriculum Project, a new UA Health Sciences initiative funded by the Lovell Foundation, which seeks to meet the growing demand for workforce training in end-of-life care. The pilot training project will be launched in fall 2022. Dr. Chen asked interested faculty to email her by Tuesday June 28th if they would like to be involved.

Comments from the committee:

- It was asked how much class time would need to be devoted to the case studies curriculum. It is flexible and could range from 15 minutes to an entire class period.
- The curriculum can be covered in all levels, undergraduate and graduate. Faculty decide what is appropriate curriculum for the level of their course.

4. Department/College Updates

- Biostatistics is recruiting two new faculty hires, one tenure track and one career track. The positions will be posted soon.
- Velia Leybas Nuño has accepted the position of Interim Assistant Dean of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.
- Brian Dodge is a new UA faculty hired to lead the LGBTQ+ Institute and their home college will be MEZCOPH.
- Felina Cordova Marks and David Garcia were awarded seed grants for HSI initiatives. Kelly Reynolds and Nicole Yuan were awarded grants related to healthy aging.
- Kelly Reynolds has received a grant to continue funding for the Western Region Public Health Training Center.

- The AZ Heroes Grant has been awarded another year of funding from the CDC. If faculty are interested in having access to the database for research, they may contact Jeff Burgess.
- Jennifer Bea announced that they received a score of 23 for the Step Up 2.0 training grant and are hoping that will meet the funding conditions this year.

5. Next Meeting

Faculty decided on September 9, 2022 for the next Faculty Assembly meeting. Melissa asked Scott Carvajal and Zhao Chen to nominate a faculty member from their departments to give a 5 minute flash talk.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.

Changes or corrections to the minutes should be submitted to:

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