



Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2022

12:00-1:00 pm

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/81947393171>

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

Gail Barker, Paloma Beamer, Benjamin Brady, Heidi Brown, Leonard Brown, Stephanie Carroll, Zhao Chen, Felina Cordova-Marks, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, Brian Dodge, John Ehiri, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Janet Foote, Christine Girard, Kirin Goff, Iman Hakim, Yann Klimentidis, Karl Krupp, Lifeng Lin, Purnima Madhivanan, David Marrero, Bridget Murphy, Velia Nuño, Adaeze Oguegbu, Kelly Palmer, Sydney Pettygrove, Kelly Reynolds, Denise Roe, Cecilia Rosales, Antonio Rubio, Refugio Sepulveda, Terry Urbine, Amanda Wilson, Nicole Yuan

Primary Faculty Absent: Halima Alaofe, Mona Arora, Leila Barraza, Jennifer Bea, Ed Bedrick, Dean Billheimer, Jeff Burgess, Scott Carvajal, Dan Derksen, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, Leslie Farland, Ibrahim Garba, David Garcia, Joe Gerald, Lynn Gerald, Laura Gronewold, Robin Harris, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Paul Hsu, Chengcheng Hu, Beth Jacobs, Aminata Kilungo, Bryna Koch, Mary Koss, Chris Lim, Kimberly Lind, Yiwen Liu, Priscilla Magrath, Martha Moore-Monroy, Thomas Nuño, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Rustin Reed, Amanda Soka, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, Frank von Hippel

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present: Danielle Embry, Ali Gabriel, Jean McClelland, John Molina, Karen Tiggs, Chris Tisch

Guests: Jen McCormack, Bekah Coşkun, Dan Moseke

Meeting Recording:

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1. Review / Approval of June 24, 2022 Meeting minutes (*Melissa Furlong*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The June 24, 2022 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

2. Updates from Deans and Department Chairs

- EPI/BIOS Department (*Zhao Chen*)
 - EPI/BIOS welcomes two new biostatistics faculty, Dr. Lifeng Lin, Associate Professor, and Dr. Antonio Rubio, Assistant Professor.
- HPS Department (*Nicole Yuan*)

- HPS welcomes new faculty, Dr. Kelly Palmer, Assistant Professor, Dr. Bridget Murphy, Assistant Research Professor, and Dr. Brian Dodge, Professor and Director of LGBT Studies. Dr. Murphy's expertise includes substance use, mental health, and related infectious diseases among diverse populations. Dr. Dodge's research focuses on health and well-being among understudied and underserved sexual and gender minor populations. Dr. Dodge served as PI for some of the first NIH funded projects focused on bisexual health and has been involved in ground-breaking policy at the national level.
- Adriana Maldonado, HPS post doc, will be presenting a zoom webinar on Wednesday, September 21st at noon on the intersection of health, equity and Latino health.
- CEP Department (*Kelly Reynolds*)
 - PHPM has officially merged with PHP/TR. They are in the process of moving from a division to a department and changing their name to reflect the policy component.
 - The One Health initiative has received funding from the state. Frank von Hippel will be leading research efforts and collaborating with UAHS and faculty across campus. The second One Health symposium will be held September 28th from 9am-4pm in HSIB.
 - Jeff Burgess is director of a new college-level center in firefighter health and collaborative research.
 - CEP is implementing a plan to engage high school and community college students for recruitment into their programs.
- Office of Academic Affairs (*John Ehiri*)
 - Andre Dickerson has taken a new position in Washington. Chris Tisch has returned in the interim while MEZCOPH recruits a new Assistant Dean of Student Services.
- Office of Student Affairs (*Chris Tisch*)
 - OSA is finalizing TA-ships and scholarships.
 - Gisela Cardenas has taken a new job at the Cancer Center. A search is underway for new Recruitment Professional.
- Office of DEI (*Velia Nuño*)



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Dr. Nuño gave a short overview of the use of pronouns.

3. Discussion of MEZCOPH Medal metrics (*Melissa Furlong*)

MEZCOPH medals are a way for faculty to recognize each other's accomplishments. If a faculty member meets the metrics, they will receive a medal. In addition to applying for/receiving

grants, publishing/submitting papers, and receiving awards, Melissa received feedback about other metrics that could be included when evaluating faculty for the MEZCOPH medal:

- Teaching excellence and other structural achievements
- Community engagement and recognition
- Leadership to improve the quality of teaching, advising, admissions, equity or engagement
- Activities that improve college climate, student/faculty/staff experiences

Comments from the committee:

- It would be good to recognize faculty who have multiple media engagements that bring value and positive branding to our profession/college.
- We should recognize invention disclosures and patents.

Melissa will compile list of metrics and send out a survey for faculty to vote on those that should be included.

4. Flash Talks from MEZCOPH Faculty



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Kelly Palmer.pdf

Dr. Kelly Palmer, Assistant Professor in Health Promotion Sciences, shared a brief introduction to her research.



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Dr. Lifeng Lin, Associate Professor in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, shared a brief introduction to his research.

5. Research Support and Services Offered by Research Development Services (RDS) (Bekah Coşkun, Jen McCormack, and Dan Moseke, RDS/RII)



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Dr. Bekah Coşkun and Dr. Jen McCormack gave an overview of Research Development Services offered by Research, Innovation and Impact (RII). They are available to provide free technical reviews and narrative support for health-related external proposals.



COPH Pivot Finding
Funding September

Dan Moseke reviewed the Pivot resource available to faculty through RDS/RII: https://pivot.proquest.com/funding_main. Pivot is a free database of funding opportunities that allows faculty to create a profile, save searches and receive notifications for relevant opportunities.

6. Overview of new ADR office (Zhao Chen)

- Epidemiology faculty submitted a HRSA scholar grant that aims to provide scholarships for MPH students in epidemiology, specifically students from Navajo Nation.
- Jeff Burgess is working on a grant renewal for the Industrial Hygiene program.
- Dr. Chen encouraged faculty to consider applying for training grants as the funding supports student and junior researcher recruitment.
- ADR is coordinating with multiple colleges on a grant from NIH to support a new Maternal Health Research Center of Excellence.
- They will be updating information on the research projects and resources webpage.
- There will be a new training available for faculty on the updated IRB submission and approval process.
- ADR is working on a draft of the college research strategic plan which will be shared with faculty soon. Dr. Chen invited feedback on the plan

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.

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