



Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2023

12:00-1:00pm

In Person: DRACH-118

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/82716423311>

Primary Faculty Present: Melissa Furlong, *Chair*

Halima Alaofo, Jennifer Bea, Jeff Burgess, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, Gloria Coronado, Dan Derksen, Brian Dodge, Leslie Farland, Kelly Palmer, Joe Gerald, Paul Hsu, Yann Klimentidis, Velia Leybas Nuño, Chris Lim, Nathan Lothrop, Tomas Nuño, Adaeze Oguegbu, Kelly Reynolds, Terry Urbine, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhoughstraete, Amanda Wilson, Nicole Yuan

Primary Faculty Absent: Mona Arora, Leila Barraza, Paloma Beamer, Ed Bedrick, Dean Billheimer, Heidi Brown, Leonard Brown, Stephanie Carroll, Felina Cordova-Marks, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, John Ehiri, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, Janet Foote, Ibrahim Garba, David Garcia, Christine Girard, Kirin Goff, Laura Gronewold, Iman Hakim, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Chengcheng Hu, Beth Jacobs, Aminata Kilungo, Bryna Koch, Mary Koss, Karl Krupp, Lifeng Lin, Ashley Lowe, Purnima Madhivanan, Priscilla Magrath, Adriana Maldonado, Martha Moore-Monroy, Bridget Murphy, Shannon Newton, Sydney Pettygrove, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Denise Roe, Antonio Rubio, Refugio Sepulveda, Amanda Soka, Shiela Soto, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Frank von Hippel

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present: Robin Byler Thomas, Danielle Embry, Jean McClelland, Tawab Saljuqi, Bethany Shaheen

Meeting Recording:

https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/EtNaUPXhe6iHKSeys0B1gcWHj81JJxshp4A8GvxvtU83S7uo_qHACRcE6bT9x-gK.qwYfofs-gTWNrOqZ?startTime=1702665128000

1. Research Development Services (RDS) Proposal Support (Dr. Jen McCormack, *Associate for Research Development*; Julia Glennon, *Associate for Research Development, Research, Innovation and Impact*)



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Jen McCormack and Julia Glennon presented an overview of research development services available to faculty through RII.

Comments from faculty:

- It is recommended that faculty reach out 3-6 months prior to submitting proposal, however they are flexible with shorter timelines.

- It was asked if there were specific institutional policies developed for data sharing and storage, especially as it relates to human subjects health data. These are being worked on between RII and the University Libraries.
- There was a study section at NIH where half of the proposals were disqualified due to hyperlinks in the proposal. There should be no hyperlinks in the proposal except in the biosketch.

2. MEZCOPH Research Office Presentation (Dr. Zhao Chen, *Associate Dean for Research*)



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Dr. Chen presented an overview of activities in the MEZCOPH Research Office, including updates on the implementation of the research strategic plan. She also introduced the My Healthy Arizona Initiative, which focuses on digital health solutions for enhancing health equity.

Comments from faculty:

- Sometimes pre-award and contract offices are slow to respond to faculty requests for assistance. When is it appropriate for the Associate Dean's office to intervene? Zhao regularly communicates with these offices and can advocate for faculty, especially if the timeline is short due to extenuating circumstances.
- It was asked how the current hiring freeze would affect future grants. The UA is still working on the details but they understand that grants are a contract and will require hiring of staff.
- The technology piece of My Health Arizona Initiative will be used for community education, not data collection or research.
- How will health and medical data be collected for My Healthy Arizona? When individuals opt into the study, they can choose to share their data.
- In order for members to develop proficiency with the digital technology used in My Healthy Arizona, they plan to offer interactive tutorials.

3. Review / Approval of June 23, 2023 and October 6, 2023 Minutes (*Melissa Furlong*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The June 23, 2023 and October 6, 2023 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

4. UA Financial Crisis Discussion

Faculty discussed UA's current financial situation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.

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