



Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2023

1:00-2:00 pm

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/89937571917>

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

Gail Barker, Leila Barraza, Jennifer Bea, Benjamin Brady, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, Felina Cordova-Marks, Dan Derksen, Brian Dodge, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Janet Foote, Christine Girard, Karl Krupp, Chris Lim, Tomas Nuño, Velia Nuño, Adaeze Oguegbu, Sydney Pettygrove, Kristin Pogreba Brown, Kelly Reynolds, Antonio Rubio, Amanda Wilson, Nicole Yuan

Primary Faculty Absent: Halima Alaofe, Mona Arora, Paloma Beamer, Ed Bedrick, Dean Billheimer, Heidi Brown, Leonard Brown, Jeff Burgess, Stephanie Carroll, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, Duke Duncan, John Ehiri, Kate Ellingson, Kacey Ernst, Leslie Farland, Ibrahim Garba, David Garcia, Joe Gerald, Kirin Goff, Laura Gronewold, Iman Hakim, Robin Harris, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Paul Hsu, Chengcheng Hu, Beth Jacobs, Aminata Kilungo, Yann Klimentidis, Bryna Koch, Mary Koss, Lifeng Lin, Kimberly Lind, Yiwen Liu, Ashley Lowe, Purnima Madhivanan, Priscilla Magrath, Martha Moore-Monroy, Shannon Newton, Kelly Palmer, Rustin Reed, Denise Roe, Cecilia Rosales, Refugio Sepulveda, Amanda Sokan, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Terry Urbine, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, Fran von Hippel

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present: Maiya Block Ngaybe, Danielle Embry, Katie Lupo, Babs Okusanya

Guests: Mascha Gemein, *Associate Professor of Practice, UCATT*

Meeting Recording: [https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/4raYA0 - sTTke6_HH_KljmnFisHm5rg_dJNBzIO53yqPPyKmbSRlByuQEn1Vj3KT.dKwNHYU3eeBonA0u?startTime=1679687853000](https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/4raYA0-sTTke6_HH_KljmnFisHm5rg_dJNBzIO53yqPPyKmbSRlByuQEn1Vj3KT.dKwNHYU3eeBonA0u?startTime=1679687853000)

1. Review / Approval of December 16, 2022 Meeting minutes (*Melissa Furlong*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The December 16, 2022 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

2. Updates from Deans and Department Chairs

- CEP and PHPPTR Departments (*Kelly Reynolds*)
 - o The search for a new PHPPTR department chair has been relaunched and the position is posted on the UA website.
 - o Karen O'Shaughnessy is no longer with CEP. They have hired two new administrative assistants: Lilian Martinez, *Administrative Associate* and Melissa Garcia, *Administrative Assistant*

- CEP secured a Presidential Postdoc application. Denise Moreno accepted the postdoc position and will be joining CEP soon.
- EPI/BIOS and Research Office (*Zhao Chen*)
 - The Interim Department Chair for EPI/BIOS is Chengcheng Hu. The search for a new Department Chair is going well and they are conducting final interviews.
 - The Research Office is developing new procedures to streamline the IRB process. There is a D2L site available for training.
 - They are working with Shipherd to highlight faculty research accomplishments.
 - There were 12 applications for the Dean's student research fund. They will be reviewing applicants and getting back to students within a month.
- Office of DEI (*Velia Nuño*)
 - DEI is developing their strategic plan, using the MEZCOPH Climate Survey as a guide. The plan was presented to Dean's Council this month.
 - They have reinitiated CIE meetings and are working to increase participation from under-represented groups in the college.
 - The DEI office held several events recently. They partnered with Habitat for Humanity for a "Build Day" in February and held a panel discussion on the role of spirituality in Black health, which will be available on YouTube.

3. Flash Talks from MEZCOPH Faculty

- Antonio Rubio



Rubio flash talk
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Dr. Antonio Rubio, Assistant Professor of Practice in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, gave an overview of his research and the courses he is teaching. Dr. Rubio is working on a new Gen Ed statistics course for students in the BA program and is restructuring BIOS 376 to provide public health students a with a strong foundation in statistics.

4. Culturally Responsive Curriculum Development Institute (*Dr. Mascha Gemein, Associate Professor of Practice, UCATT*)



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Dr. Gemein provided an overview of the Culturally Responsive Curriculum Development Institute. It is a week-long summer program for faculty who would like to redesign a course utilizing culturally responsive practices and pedagogy. Applications are due April 3rd via Qualtrics. Dr. Gemein and Dr. Judy Kiyama are available to consult with faculty who are interested in culturally responsive curriculum development.

Comments from the committee:

- It was asked how participants are selected and whether a group of faculty from the same department can work together on a course. Faculty decide which course will be redesigned. They encourage a focus on gateway courses, such as large gen eds, for broader student impact. If a group of faculty will be applying, Dr. Gemein advised them to contact Judy Kimaya to let them know. It is also helpful for the group to provide a letter of support from their Dean.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Changes or corrections to the minutes should be submitted to:

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