



Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2023

12:00-1:00 pm

In Person: DRACH-A326

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/88219158311>

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

Halima Alaofe, Mona Arora, Heidi Brown, Brian Dodge, Kate Ellingson, Janet Foote, Leslie Farland, Mary Koss, Chris Lim, Bridget Murphy, Velia Leybas Nuño, Adaeze Oguegbu, Denise Roe, Refugio Sepulveda, Amanda Soka, Sheila Soto, Terry Urbine, Amanda Wilson

Primary Faculty Absent: Leila Barraza, Jennifer Bea, Paloma Beamer, Ed Bedrick, Dean Billheimer, Benjamin Brady, Leonard Brown, Jeff Burgess, Stephanie Carroll, Scott Carvajal, Zhao Chen, Felina Cordova-Marks, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, Dan Derksen, John Ehiri, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Kacey Ernst, 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, Karl Krupp, Lifeng Lin, Kimberly Lind, Yiwen Liu, Ashley Lowe, Purnima Madhivanan, Priscilla Magrath, Martha Moore-Monroy, Shannon Newton, Tomas Nuño, Kelly Palmer, Sydney Pettygrove, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Rustin Reed, Kelly Reynolds, Cecilia Rosales, Antonio Rubio, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, Fran von Hippel, Nicole Yuan

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present: Maiya Block-Ngaybe, Danielle Embry, Maia Ingram, Jean McClelland

Guests Present: Erin Riesgo, Andrew Tang, Kevin Hall, Brittany Petersen

Meeting Recording:

<https://arizona.zoom.us/rec/share/lr3OnPpUAc9HqIMbI9gg2DUkqwysEBa37gjeHGVac6LPQS07wEMYWp5gVSOyIHGy.-FJ1tVkT8IMI7yft?startTime=1687544684000>

1. Review / Approval of March 24, 2023 Meeting minutes (Melissa Furlong)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The March 24, 2023 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

2. Updates from Deans and Department Chairs

- EPI/BIOS
 - o Kacey Ernst was appointed Department Chair for EPI/BIOS
- HPS
 - o HPS is in the process of hiring a new faculty member.

- Office of DEI (*Velia Nuño*)



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- o June is Pride month which recognizes the LGBTQ+ community. There are many activities on campus to celebrate.
- o June 19th is Juneteenth, a federally recognized holiday that honors the day the last enslaved people were freed in Galveston Bay, Texas.
- o Dr Nuño and Maiya Block-Ngaybe attended the Culturally Relevant Curriculum Development Institute. The focus was on integrating student's culturally developed skills and knowledge into the course curriculum. A list of books and resources was shared (see attached slides for details).

3. Presentation on Gun Violence Prevention (Andrew Tang, *Professor, Surgery*, Brittany Petersen, *Violence Prevention Coordinator, Tucson Police Department*)



6-23-23 HVIP Slides
for College of Public

Dr. Andy Tang and Brittany Petersen shared information about a new gun violence prevention initiative funded by a \$2 million grant from the DOJ. The Tucson Police Department has partnered with Banner to facilitate the program. They would like to collaborate with UA Public Health to increase the efficacy of this program as well as develop more evidence-based violence prevention programs in the future. Interested faculty can contact Dr. Andy Tang, atang@surgey.arizona.edu.

Comments from the committee:

- Are there internship opportunities for students in this program? Yes, they are interested in engaging public health students.

4. Discussion about Faculty Assembly Format (*Melissa Furlong*)

Dr. Furlong would like to dedicate more time during Faculty Assembly meetings to discuss topics of concern to MEZCOPH faculty. It would be helpful to add the topic to the agenda ahead of time and meeting in person would help to facilitate discussions. Melissa will bring forward topic ideas from those who prefer to remain anonymous.

Comments from the committee:

- It would be helpful to discuss 'teacher lounge' issues such as code of conduct violations, attendance issues, or online vs. in-person teaching strategies.
- There is data from the Climate Survey that can drive some of the topics of discussion. If nothing urgent, it would be nice to have open forum conversations.

5. Micro-credentials Presentation (Erin Riesgo, MSL, *Coordinator, Alternative Credentials, Office of the Registrar*)



Micro-Credentials
Approval and Overview

Erin gave an overview of the UA's micro-credentials program. It is a framework for documenting the acquisition of specific skills on a smaller scale than a minor or certificate program. Micro-credentials can be stacked to create a larger credential or to achieve academic credit.

Micro credentials are driven by industry where employers are seeking a specific skill set. Students are awarded a digital badge that can be applied to their digital resume in LinkedIn. UA awards micro-credentials as a complement to a degree program. They do not have to go through the regular accreditation process so they are much quicker to approve. The process for proposing a micro-credential can be found on the Curricular Affairs website.

Comments from the committee:

- Is there an average amount of contact hours/time to completion for a micro-credential? Time parameters have not been formally established. The preferred range is 10-25 hours in a 16 week semester.
- Students can complete a micro-credential as a complement to their regular curriculum if a specific skill is taught within one or several classes. They might also be a way for students to document skills acquired during an internship.
- There is no tuition cost associated with micro-credentials.
- Does the UA have goals/targets for departments to develop micro-credentials? Not currently.
- The target audience for micro-credentials are continuing UA students as well as external community members. UA's Continuing and Professional Education unit can partner with a department to offer these programs to community members. There would be a cost to sign up through Continuing and Professional Education.
- These programs will likely become accredited in future.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

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