



Faculty Assembly Final Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2024

12:00-1:00pm

In Person: DRACH-120

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/82399555297>

Primary Faculty Present: Melissa Furlong, *Chair*

Halima Alaofe, Erika Austhof, Paloma Beamer, Heidi Brown, Leonard Brown, Stephanie Carroll, Zhao Chen, John Ehiri, Kacey Ernst, Leslie Farland, Janet Foote, Ibrahim Garba, Joe Gerald, Christine Girard, Kirin Goff, Paul Hsu, Aminta Kilungo, Yann Klimentidis, Bryna Koch, Onicio Leal-Neto, Nathan Lothrop, Bridget Murphy, Adaeze Oguegbu, Kelly Palmer, Kristen Pogreba Brown, Kelly Reynolds, Brianna Rooney, Refugio Sepulveda, Terry Urbine

Primary Faculty Absent: Mona Arora, Leila Barraza, Jennifer Bea, Ed Bedrick, Dean Billheimer, Jeff Burgess, Scott Carvajal, Felina Cordova-Marks, Gloria Coronado, Chris Cutshaw, Leslie Dennis, Dan Derksen, Brian Dodge, Kate Ellingson, David Garcia, Laura Gronewold, Iman Hakim, Jennifer Hatcher, Tricia Haynes, Chengcheng Hu, Mary Koss, Karl Krupp, Velia Leybas Nuño, Chris Lim, Lifeng Lin, Yiwen Liu, Purnima Madhivanan, Priscilla Magrath, Adriana Maldonado, Martha Moore-Monroy, Shannon Newton, Tomas Nuño, Sydney Pettygrove, Denise Roe, Antonio Rubio, Shiela Soto, Xiaoxiao Sun, Cynthia Thomson, Gabriela Valdez, Marc Verhougstraete, Frank von Hippel, Amanda Wilson, Nicole Yuan

Other MEZCOPH Personnel Present: Robin Byler Thomas, Eileen Eisen-Cohen, Danielle Embry, Ali Gabriel

Guests Present: Susan Maley

Meeting Recording:

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1. CARES Toolkit (Susan Maley, MPH, PhD, *Program Evaluator, Arizona Center on Aging*)



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Dr. Maley gave a brief overview of the CARES Toolkit, which provides interprofessional end-of-life training and resources for health sciences students. The toolkit can be adapted to any course. Faculty interested in embedding the CARES Toolkit curriculum into their course are

encouraged to contact Susan Maley directly.

2. Review / Approval of December 15, 2023 Minutes (*Melissa Furlong*)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The December 15, 2023 minutes were approved by all voting members present.

3. Updates from Deans and Department Chairs

- Research (*Zhao Chen*)
 - The Research Office is sending a research newsletter bi-weekly.
 - Zhao reminded faculty about the new pre-award deadline and encouraged faculty to contact them as soon as they know they will be submitting a grant. Questions about the contract portal can be directed to the Research Office.
 - Faculty are encouraged to send research stories to the Research Office so they can be publicized.
 - It is important for faculty to list research areas on their profile page as this information will be linked to our strategic plan and will promote faculty expertise on the new website.
 - Faculty serving as internship mentors are asked to provide feedback on the new D2L IRB training via the evaluation form in D2L.
- Academic Affairs (*John Ehiri*)
 - Enrollment in our academic programs is down but course enrollment is strong due to the new Gen Ed courses we are offering in the college.
 - The Strategic Enrollment Committee is developing strategies to increase student enrollment.
 - The fall 2024 schedule is posted and there are several courses in need of instructors.
- Community Engagement (*Paloma Beamer*)
 - The Community Engagement office is collecting data on internships and contracts we have with health departments across AZ. MEZCOPH's MOU with Pima County Health Department ends in June and they are currently working on a renewal.
 - There will be an American Lung Association fundraiser on May 4th. MEZCOPH will have a table at the event. If faculty have ideas for table materials they are encouraged to reach out to Paloma. They need student volunteers.
 - A new college award is being created that will go to a community partner. An announcement will be coming in August.
 - The CEPAS committee is being reactivated.
- CEP (*Kelly Reynolds*)
 - Aminata Kilungo is back from maternity leave.

- CEP is finalizing admissions decisions and will welcome new PhD students in the fall.
- CEP faculty are directing multiple centers. There are opportunities to collaborate across the college.
- Congratulations to Amanda Wilson and Jeff Burgess for new awards. Kelly encouraged faculty to share accomplishments with Bethany and Shipherd so they can be publicized.
- EPI/BIOS (*Kacey Ernst*)
 - Leslie Farland and Kristen Pogreba Brown have received new awards.
 - The new SCORCH Center has been launched.
 - EPI is hiring for two positions: Asst/Assoc Professor of Cancer Epidemiology and an Assoc/Full Professor of Cancer Epidemiology, who will also direct the Skin Cancer Institute.
 - Kacey introduced new faculty:
 - Dr. Onicio Leal Neto has a background in pandemics, digital epi, and infectious disease epi.
 - Dr. Gloria Coronado has a joint appointment with the Cancer Center. She is a cancer epidemiologist.
 - Dr. Erika Austhof is a new research faculty with a focus on climate change and health and foodborne illness.
- DEI (*Melissa Furlong on behalf of Velia Nuño*)
 - The DEI Office will host a first generation pinning ceremony on April 12th at 10am in A114.
- PHPPTR (*Terry Urbine*)
 - PHPPTR held an Admitted Students Day last week for new MPH students starting in the fall. The event was an effort to increase enrollment in their programs.

4. Faculty Senate Updates (*Joe Gerald*)

- There is wide-spread frustration with UA leadership regarding the ongoing financial crises. The state legislature is proposing legislation that will weaken faculty's role in shared governance at the three state universities.
- David Garcia is currently running for Faculty Senate. MEZCOPH faculty are encouraged to vote.

5. Open forum (*All*)

Faculty discussed the financial crisis and teaching concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Changes or corrections to the minutes should be submitted to:

Danielle Embry, *Senior Coordinator, Academic and Faculty Affairs*