

MEZCOPH Education Committee Meeting**Final Meeting Minutes****March 13, 2024**2:00 – 3:00 pm, DRACH-A326 and Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/86255483666>

Committee Members Present: Anaiz Acosta, Mariah Albertie, Heidi Brown*, Chris Cutshaw*, Lyn Durán*, John Ehiri* (ex-officio), Danielle Embry, Courtney Faryab, Ash Gagliano, Joe Gerald* (chair), Laura Gronewold, Paul Hsu*, Nicole Johnson, Velia Leybas Nuño*, Katie Lupo, Vanessa Perez, Kristen Pogreba-Brown*, Amanda Sokan*, Michael Tearne, Terry Urbine*, Yevheniia Varyvoda*, Abba Versace, Nicole Yuan*

Committee Members Absent: Kim Barnes, Luis Benitez, Lauren Erdelyi*, Andrea Gaub, Monica Muñoz, Derek Smith*, Gabriela Valdez*, Makele White

* voting member

Meeting Recording:

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- **Announcements:**

- Admissions Updates

- Main Campus Graduate Admissions (*Courtney Faryab*)



Admissions Update
03.12.24.pdf

Courtney shared current MPH/MS/Doctoral admissions numbers with the committee.

Domestic and international applicants are being tracked separately.

Comments from the committee:

- The PhD in Biostats has admitted a large number of students (26).
- It is important to reach out to uncommitted admits. We sent funding offers to doctoral students. It would be helpful to know who has accepted/declined as soon as possible so that we may shift the offers to another student.
- Many domestic, on-campus applicants submit their application just before the April 1st deadline.
- The UA financial situation is national news and is affecting student's decisions to attend UA. Funding in other departments/colleges that has supported our students is being eliminated.

- AZ Online MPH Admissions (*Vanessa Perez*)

Vanessa shared the following admissions numbers for the online MPH:

- Summer 2024:
 - Students verified in SOPHAS - 19
 - Students who have started a GradApp - 31
 - Students who have submitted GradApp - 17
 - Admitted students - 10
 - Students that have accepted admissions and are ready to enroll - 4
- Fall 2024:
 - Students verified in SOPHAS - 20
 - Students who have started a GradApp - 38
 - Students who have submitted GradApp - 15
 - Admitted students - 4
 - Students that have accepted admissions and are ready to enroll – 0

Comments from the committee:

- The number of applicants are encouraging. There may be strategies we can employ to increase our yield.
- Graduate Admitted Students Day is in person on March 22nd. There are virtual events being planned. Once details are worked out, these will be shared with Program Directors who would like to attend.
- Last year, the online MPH application deadline was extended and it yielded a few more matriculated applicants. They will continue this practice during this year's cycle.

- **Consent Agenda:** (*All voting members*)

- Minutes Approval: February 7, 2024 meeting



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- New Course Proposals:

- CPH/GHI 4xx/5xx Climate Change and Public Health Policy (*Kacey Ernst*)



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- EHS 3xx Sustainable Healthy Diets (*Yevheniia Varyvoda*)



EHS 3xx Sustainable
Healthy Diets.pdf



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The Consent Agenda was seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0.

- **Old Business:**

- Discussion Item: Guaranteed admission to MPH (*Chris Cutshaw*)

Dr. Valdez and Dr. Cutshaw have been researching undergraduate populations that we could market our graduate programs to. There are two potential populations, 1) freshmen who meet

the criteria for our accelerated master's program and 2) seniors in specific majors that are tending to yield large numbers of matriculated students into our programs.

The Graduate College can help us set up a streamlined non-SOPHAS GradApp application process.

Comments from the committee:

- The Graduate College is receptive to a streamlined admission process as long as they make the final admissions decision.
- We may not need to frame this as guaranteed/accelerated admission. It may simply be a practice of more targeted outreach to specific populations.
- The College of Nursing allows undergraduate students to be admitted to both their undergraduate and graduate program at the same time. It is worth investigating their model for ideas on how we structure our program.
- There are other programs on campus, ie Law, Pharmacy, who do not utilize GradApp. Has there been consideration of giving the Graduate College more leeway to make admissions decisions for our college? The Graduate College plays a specific role in the admissions process and it is unlikely that they would have the capacity to conduct college-level reviews.
- Graduate programs are allowed to market to current UA undergraduate students without limitations.

- **New Business:**

- Discussion Item: Online MPH Programs (Chris Cutshaw)
 - Changes to MPH in Family & Child Health



MPH FCH Proposed
Online Carousel.pdf

The FCH department has made some curricular changes to the MPH track in FCH. They plan to offer this emphasis online in spring 2025.

Comments from the committee:

- Is there discussion of changing the name to Maternal & Child Health? We may attract a wider audience if we continue to use a more inclusive name.
- Update on MPH in Population Aging and Long Term Care



Online Carousel
for Aging and Long

The MPH emphasis in Population Aging and Long Term Care was approved by the Education Committee a year ago. It has just been submitted to UA for review. The plan is to launch online only in spring 2025 and, if demand warrants, offer the program via Main Campus as well.

- **Other Business and Reminders:**

- Michael Tearne invited committee members to an MS/Doctoral Mixer happening Friday, 3/15, from 3-6pm in DRACH-A114. There will be food.



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Student Mixer-Mar2

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: April 3, 2024, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, DRACH-A326 or Zoom

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