

MEZCOPH Education Committee Meeting**Final Meeting Minutes****May 1, 2024**2:00 – 3:00 pm, DRACH-A326 and Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/86255483666>

Committee Members Present: Anaiz Acosta, Mariah Albertie, Kim Barnes, Heidi Brown*, Chris Cutshaw*, Lyn Durán*, John Ehiri, Danielle Embry, Lauren Erdelyi*, Courtney Faryab, Ash Gagliano, Andrea Gaub, Joe Gerald* (chair), Paul Hsu*, Nicole Johnson, Aminata Kilungo*, Katie Lupo, Monica Muñoz, Velia Nuño*, Vanessa Perez, Kristen Pogreba-Brown*, Amanda Sokan*, Michael Tearne, Terry Urbine*, Gabriela Valdez*, Yevheniia Varyvoda, Abba Versace, Makele White, Nicole Yuan*

Committee Members Absent: Luis Benitez, Derek Smith*

* voting member

Meeting Recording:

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- **Announcements:**

- May Convocation (*Monica Muñoz*)

The MEZCOPH Convocation will be on May 11, 2024, in person and live streamed. OSA will arrive at 6:30 am. Faculty and students arrive at 8:00am. 33 faculty have RSVP'd. There will be a reception in the Women's Plaza of Honor immediately following the ceremony. Monica shared the following details on our graduating class:

- 207 total graduates, 7 participating virtually
- 107 first generation students
- 6 Global Health Institute scholars
- 5 DrPH graduates: 1 MCH, 4 PHPM
- 6 PhD graduates: 1 BIOS, 2 EPI, 3 HBHP
- 4 MS graduates: 2 BIOS, 1 EHS, 1 EPI
- 1 MSPH graduate
- 64 MPH graduates
- 2 BA in Wellness & HP Practice graduates
- 125 BS in Public Health graduates

Comments from the committee:

- Currently all graduates have faculty assigned to hood them. Monica shared this information via email.

- Academic Affairs Updates (*Danielle Embry*)



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Danielle shared fall point-in-time enrollment data, information about approved and pending general education courses, and upcoming course deadlines with the committee. *

- Admissions Update (*Courtney Faryab, Vanessa Perez*)



Admissions Update
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Courtney shared our current Main Campus graduate admissions numbers. We are accepting domestic applications through June 1st.

Vanessa shared current Online MPH admissions numbers for summer & fall. There are 7 summer and 7 fall admits. Only 3 students in fall have accepted.

Comments from the committee:

- The committee asked for a breakdown of online MPH concentrations:
 - o Summer: 5 AEPI, 3 GH, 1 HBHP (2 students deferred to summer)
 - o Fall: 2 AEPI, 1 GH
- It was asked why the online MPH admissions numbers have dropped. There is increased competition with many new online programs, some of which are less expensive.

- Scholarship Updates (*Katie Lupo*)

The scholarship committee is reviewing Scholarship Universe applications. They will award 45 scholarships from 16 different funds for a total of \$250,000. \$57,000 in recruitment funds have been awarded to incoming doctoral students.

Comments from the committee:

- Applicants will be notified by July 1st.
- It would be useful to track scholarship funding to see how student support resources are changing over time.
- It would be helpful for Program Directors to know who has received a scholarship to ensure equitable distribution of department funds to students. Lyn Durán can share an excel table with PDs. *

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

- Minutes Approval: March 13, 2024 meeting



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The Consent Agenda was seconded and approved by a vote of 12-0.

- **New Business:**

- Strategic Enrollment Committee (*Lyn Durán*)



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Lyn presented the charge of the Strategic Enrollment Committee and its areas of focus. The committee is conducting a SWOT analysis which will be analyzed during their retreat on May 8th. Lyn invited faculty who are interested in participating to contact her.

Comments from the committee:

- HPS faculty are over-represented on the committee. It would be helpful to have faculty from other departments participate.

- Discussion Item: Certificate Recognition (*Chris Cutshaw*)

Chris invited discussion on how we can recognize students who are completing certificates in our college. In addition to acknowledging the student's achievement, it may increase the visibility of the certificates we offer.

Comments from the committee:

- Students who complete undergraduate certificates and minors are recognized in their major college so it does not make sense to include them in our convocation ceremony. We could list them on the graduation web page.
- Graduate certificate students are usually non-degree seeking and may not attend convocation. The website would be a good place to recognize their accomplishment.
- Perhaps a certificate student's story can be posted on the alumni page.
- It was asked if faculty advisors for PhD/DrPH students could be listed on upcoming convocation programs. Lyn suggested contacting Monica, Shipherd, Paula and Michael to update the December program.

- **Other Business and Reminders:**

- TA Discussion (*All Committee Members*)

It was asked when Program Directors would know how many TAs they will be allocated. Katie will send numbers based on current enrollments.

Comments from the committee:

- Michael sent an email about changes to the TA process. OSA will continue to send out the TA application. Collecting and organizing application information is being handled by Luis and department admins. Michael prepared comprehensive support materials on the process for admins to review. Program Directors will assign the TA and draft the offer letter with the help of their admins.
- The use of historical enrollment data was very helpful in spring. Will this process continue? There were some discrepancies from historical enrollment and actual enrollment in the last cycle. It is uncertain if it will continue.

The committee tabled the discussion and asked to add it to the June agenda.

- **Future Business:**

- June meeting: New MEZCOPH website presentation by Shipherd Reed, Mike Martelle, Paula Hayes, and Dave Gay

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: June 5, 2024, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, DRACH-A326 or Zoom

***Action Items:**

- Danielle will share draft spring 2025 course schedule with Program Directors. Program Directors will send updates to Danielle by July 24, 2024. *(Danielle Embry, all Program Directors)*
- Lyn will share named scholarship awardees with Program Directors. *(Lyn Durán)*

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