

MEZCOPH Education Committee Meeting

Final Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2024

2:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/86255483666>

Committee Members Present: Anaiz Acosta, Mariah Albertie, Kim Barnes, Chris Cutshaw*, Lyn Durán*, Danielle Embry, John Ehiri, Ash Gagliano, Andrea Gaub, Laura Gronewold, Paul Hsu*, Nicole Johnson, Katie Lupo, Kristen Pogreba Brown*, Vanessa Perez, Amanda Soka*, Michael Tearne, Terry Urbine*, Gabriela Valdez*, Yevheniia Varyvoda, Abba Versace

Committee Members Absent: Luis Benitez, Heidi Brown*, Courtney Faryab, Joe Gerald*, Aminata Kilungo*, Velia Leybas Nuño*, Monica Muñoz, Makele White, Nicole Yuan*

Guests Present: David Gay, Paula Hayes, Mike Martelle, Shipherd Reed

* voting member

Meeting Recording:

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- **Special Presentation:** New MEZCOPH Website (*Mike Martelle, Shipherd Reed, Paula Hayes, Dave Gay*)



COPH Website
Redesign v2.pdf

Shipherd gave a brief overview of the MEZCOPH website redesign, key audiences we would like to reach, and design constraints within the university web templates. Mike showed the new website to the committee. They hope to launch before fall semester starts.

Comments from the committee:

- Is there a way to funnel prospective students to our website? Yes, there are opportunities for this. It is a competitive online environment, but they are exploring ways to help students find our website.
- Staff will be trained and given access to update the new site once it is live. Teams will be able to take ownership and update their own content.

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

- Minutes Approval: May 1, 2024 meeting



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- New Course Proposals:

- CPH/GHI 2xx Digital Public Health



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CPH_GHI 2xx Digital
Public Health.pdf

- GHI/EPID 5xx Digital Epidemiology



GHI_EPID 5xx Digital
Epidemiology_final.pd

The new course proposals are developed through a grant from the Global Health Institute. Questions may be directed to Dr. Valdez.

The Consent Agenda was approved by all voting members present.

- **New Business:**

- Proposed Changes to Admissions Process/Requirements (*Lyn Durán*)

- Proposed MPH International Prerequisites Policy



MPH International
Pre-Requisites Policy I

Lyn introduced the policy proposal and reviewed the rationale.

Comments from the committee:

- What is the current admissions policy? We review course titles on the transcripts to determine if they have met the requirement. It is difficult to ascertain if an international student has completed their math and science prerequisites because they often take equivalent college-level coursework in high school.
- It was proposed that we amend the policy to include international students who have completed a bachelor's degree in medical or clinical fields.
- This policy will improve equity and access for international students.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the MPH International Prerequisites policy with the addition of medical/clinical degrees. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

- Proposed MPH Biology Prerequisite Policy



MPH Biology
Pre-Requisite Policy P

Lyn introduced the policy and explained the rationale.

Comments from the committee:

- If a concentration requires a specific science pre-requisite, will it be clear to MPH applicants that they still need a science course to be eligible for certain concentrations? Yes, it is important that students be directed to the concentration requirements before they apply. Currently our website advises students that there are concentration specific requirements.
- In a previous discussion regarding math and science prerequisites for the MPH, EPI/BIOS was concerned about removing the math prerequisite as it is required

for core MPH courses. There was less concern expressed about the science prerequisite.

- HPS 405/505 Biology in Public Health does not cover the same learning outcomes as a college level biology course. It is recommended that we remove it as a science option.
- Currently, if a student is missing biology, it does not impact their progress toward degree completion. EOH is the only concentration with additional science requirements.
- This policy would still allow concentrations to control specific requirements for admissions. Concentrations should review and clarify their requirements.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed policy which would remove biology as a prerequisite for general MPH admissions and direct students to individual concentrations for specific science requirements. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

- Proposed Changes to MEZCOPH Graduate Certificates (Mariah Albertie)

- Proposed policy to allow 6 units to double dip between MPH and certificate if starting in MPH
- Proposed policy to allow 6 units to be taken prior to certificate admission to count towards certificate program
- Proposed policy to not allow transfer credit to apply to certificates



Certificate Policy
Proposals.pdf

Mariah introduced proposed policy changes.

Comments from the committee:

- It was asked if the proposed policy to allow 6 units to be taken prior to certificate admissions applies to non-degree seeking units. This would apply to degree seeking or non-degree seeking units.
- In future, there may be opportunities to work with partner institutions where we agree to accept transfer credit toward a certificate. This situation would be allowed as an exception.

A motion was made to adopt all three policies as written with the amendment of allowing an exception to the transfer credit policy for future institutional partnerships. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:06.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: August 7, 2024, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

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