

MEZCOPH Education Committee Meeting

Final Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2024

2:00 – 3:00 pm, DRACH A326

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/86255483666>

Committee Members Present: Mariah Alberty, Kim Barnes, Luis Benitez, Heidi Brown*, Chris Cutshaw* (chair), Lyn Durán*, John Ehiri (ex-officio), Lady Elli*, Courtney Faryab, Andrea Gaub, Paul Hsu*, Oluchi Kanma-Okafor*, Aminata Kilungo*, Katie Lupo, Monica Muñoz, Velia Nuño*, Vanessa Perez, Amanda Sokan*, Michael Tearne, Terry Urbine*, Gabriela Valdez*, Makele White, Nicole Yuan*

Committee Members Absent: Anaiz Acosta, Danielle Embry, Ash Gagliano, Laura Gronewold, Nicole Johnson, Bryna Koch*, Kristen Pogreba Brown*, Abba Versace

Guests Present: Jean McClelland

* voting member

Meeting Recording:

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• **Announcements:**

- “Teaching with AI” Faculty Learning Community (*Jean McClelland*)
Jean is leading a ‘Teaching with AI’ faculty learning community this fall on the 2nd and 4th Fridays in A276 from 1:30-2:30pm. More information is available on the FLC website:
<https://academicaffairs.arizona.edu/flc-registration-schedule>
- Admissions Updates (*Courtney Faryab, Andrea Gaub, Vanessa Perez*)



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Courtney, Andrea and Vanessa shared current admissions numbers for fall 2024. Main campus graduate numbers are down slightly but there is a significant increase in online MPH admits. Undergraduate enrollment is tracking with previous years.
Comments from the committee:

- It was asked where undergraduate transfer students are coming from. Andrea will pull a report and provide this information.
- Data/Assessment Update (Luis Benitez)
Luis and Dr. Ehiri are working on program assessment which is due September 30th. Luis will be reaching out to the core MPH instructors to collect data.

Comments from the committee:

- Program Directors clarified that they need to wait for an email before providing data. For the MPH, we need to report whether or not 80% of students completed the core course with a B or higher.

- CEPH Accreditation (John Ehiri)

Our next CEPH self-study will be due in fall 2026 and the site visit will occur in February 2027. They require us to submit three years of data. We will begin work on the report this year.

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

- Minutes Approval: August 7, 2024 meeting



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- New Course Proposals:

- EHS 5xx Sensors for Measuring Our Environment and Health (Aminata Kilungo)



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A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a vote of 11-0.

- **Old Business:**

- Direct Admission to MPH Update (*Chris Cutshaw, Gabriela Valdez*)



HPS Dept Direct
Admission Proposal

Chris presented a direct admissions pilot program for HPS programs. Students who have completed specific majors (still TBD) and meet all prerequisites may apply through a streamlined direct admissions process.

Comments from the committee:

- How will success be evaluated? Surveying applicants about their experience, comparing admissions numbers from previous semesters, and evaluating the diversity of applicants are possible measures.
- The pilot will be advertised by sending recruitment messages to UA students in specific majors.
- As there are many logistics to work out, it is too early to determine when it can be implemented.
- HPS is piloting the program but it may be possible for other departments to join.
- There will be a high administrative load to implement the pilot. GradApp does not have the same functionality as SOPHAS which will affect student data collection. It is important to proceed slowly in order to gain an understanding of the challenges and limitations.

- Discussion Item: International Students Visa Compliance & Online Classes (*Aminata Kilungo*)



International
Student Services Rep

Aminata recapped the discussion from the August meeting. Solutions to the issue will require more detailed analysis. The item was tabled until the October meeting.

- **New Business:**

- Discussion Item: International Admitted Student Challenges (*Lyn Durán*)

International students encounter multiple challenges with the admissions process. Many students defer due to funding and visa complications. Lyn shared possible solutions that have been discussed:

- Have a deadline for international students to be in the country before they accept a TA offer.
- Ensure accurate, timely and transparent information is being conveyed to international students.
- Ensure funding sources are equitably distributed among domestic and international applicants.
- Before accepting an international applicant, ensure that a faculty member has agreed to support them.

Comments from the committee:

- Before any college-wide policies are implemented, it would be useful to hear from Program Directors, International Student Services staff, and international students in order to learn more about the process as a whole.
- International students need to prove funding in order to secure their visa. If they are not awarded a TA-ship, their visa may be denied. Since we cannot award TA-ships earlier in the year, we should explore tuition waivers and scholarships for incoming international students instead.
- There was a case of fraud this semester in which a student fabricated an offer letter signed by the Program Director. John will investigate a more secure way of circulating offer letters and obtaining signatures with Iman and our HR office.
- International students need at least a .5 FTE TA-ship in order to be granted a visa.

- Discussion Item: AI in the Classroom (*Aminata Kilungo*)

This discussion was tabled until October.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.

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

Action Items:

- (rolled from August meeting) John and Danielle will pull historical enrollment data and identify low-enrolled classes to share with Program Directors in September or October. (*John Ehiri, Danielle Embry*)

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