

Education Committee Report of April 2, 2008 to MEZCOPH Faculty on April 18, 2008

Note: This report is provided to the faculty as an informational update only. For full context refer to the Education Committee Minutes posted at: <http://www.publichealth.arizona.edu/Link/EducationCommittee/default.aspx> Each section chair should be discussing items within the section. If you have issues with any of these actions, address the topic at your section. Your section chair will bring concerns or suggestions back to the Education Committee.

Educational Program Actions

- Graduate Certificate in Public Health
 - o Admissions submissions: for the first round of applicants the requirement of a letter of recommendation will stand. The letter requirement will be re-evaluated for the second round of admissions
 - o CAPS: Neither the incremental admissions number nor the cumulative admissions numbers have been determined: concerns: impact on class size, impact on class experience; what is the core class capacity?
 - o Online classes will have 1 TA for every 20 students (as subsidized by the certificate enrollees)

New/Modified Course Approvals

- Two elective courses offered by Mary Koss were modified and reformulated as new courses. These were approved.
 - a. CPH 4/5XX Family Violence
 - b. CPH 6XX Gender Based Violence

Items discussed or tabled pending revision or supplemental information

- Faculty Discussion on Internships; 400/500 course credit; Face-to-face meetings for Online Courses

Announcements

- MEZCOPH Educational Strategic initiatives that must be approved by the board of Regents were submitted to Doug Taren
- Intranet-Education Committee Link-Up & continued development
- Changes in Orientation: After committee discussion, Chris revised the orientation to include the following:

Friday, August 22, 2008	Saturday, August 23, 2008
General Orientation – Nuts and Bolts: Mandatory for New Students	Welcome – All students (logistics – e.g. syllabus review)
Lunch – New Students (box lunches w/sections)	Academic Integrity (all)
	Concentration Content
MPH Internship Conference	Lunch w/Current Students and Alumni
All College Social – (also invite undergraduates)	

Any further comments or suggestions regarding the agenda for the MEZCOPH Fall 2008 New Student orientation should be forwarded to Chris Tisch.

Process development

- PH Certificate students could potentially crowd MPH students from classes. A motion was made and approved to provide priority enrollment. The **Priority Registration Tier for Core Course Enrollments** is as follows:
 1. Degree-Seeking Students
 2. Certificate Students
 3. Non-degree students

- Education Committee Chairmanship for the next year will rotate every 2 months. Assignments:

Aug./Sept.	Oct./Nov.	Dec./Jan.	Feb./March	April/May	June/July
Lisa Staten	Nicky Teufel-Shone	Sylvan Green	Robin Harris	Alison Hughes	Mary Kay O'Rourke

Items for discussion with the full Faculty on April 18, 2008

- Students should be discouraged from taking the 400 (1X) and 500 (1X) level of the same class for credit (2X).
- On-line courses: Can students be required to meet in person? What is the impact on the certificate program and other initiatives for distance learning?
- Discussion of Internships: Required assignments?