

K-State MPH Faculty Advisory Council Meeting
Location: via Zoom – January 24 @ at 10:30 AM
Minutes – Annual Review Meeting

Ct	Committee Member	Emphasis/Role	In Attendance
1	Ellyn Mulcahy	MPH Director	X
	Burks, Becky	MPH Staff	X
	Open	MPH Student	
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2	Vahl, Chris	Rep for Core Instructor	
3	Larson, Robert	Core Instructor	X
4	Gragg, Sara	FSB	
5	Kastner, Justin	FSB	X
6	Nutsch, Abbey	FSB	X
7	Adams Paige	IDZ + Core Instructor	X
8	Cernicchiaro, Natalia	IDZ	
9	KuKanich, Kate	IDZ	X
10	Hanson, Jennifer	PHN + Core Instructor	X
11	Haub, Mark	PHN	X
12	Wang, George	PHN	
13	Besenyi, Gina	PHPA	X
14	Mailey, Emily	PHPA	X
15	Miller, Jennifer	PHPA + Core Instructor + Undergrad Program Director	

Dr. Mulcahy called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. There was a quorum present.

All surveys reviewed are from AY 2022 graduates, with the exception of the Alumni Survey which is sent out one year later which was from AY 2021 grads. Dr. Mulcahy gave a general overview of feedback from the surveys. One comment that was from a student who indicated they did not want their education to be “just checking a box” in completing some tasks – this was a prospective comment, it was not what they had experienced thus far. There was another comment about feeling like courses were designed for DVM students or that faculty showed favoritism in class to vet students. Dr. Besenyi addressed this comment and indicated that she works to make sure her courses include examples of content other than PHPA as she knows non-PHPA students take this class.

Feedback from the APE Project survey indicates that we need to be clearer in the APE expectations for students. There was discussion about a better way to guide students to previous APE Projects when they are trying to decide on their project. K-Rex and the MPH website both have good examples of recent projects. A new question added to the APE survey was for people who were willing to be a future mentor. There is now a check box that should help with the recruitment of mentors. Dr. Hanson discussed concerns for students submitting their program of study (POS) and how the APE will go, as far as communication needs. It was suggested that we do a lunch party where students come together with faculty and the POS forms all together at the same time. It was agreed that the idea of POS group meeting to help move the forms through would be helpful. It was discussed that faculty have the option to submit the POS for their student but that students need to take responsibility for their graduate degree requirements. For online students it also seems very important that they take the ownership and correctly submit their POS as students who cannot complete this step tend to struggle with the final project requirements. We will set a fall and spring deadline and try to gather students both in person and online to fill out POS as a group. Dr. Kastner said when filling out POS forms for his students, they zoom together and go through it line by line which works out well and shows the students we are willing to spend time with them.

In December we interviewed 16 current and new students who applied for the Ready to Serve scholarship and we were able to award scholarships to all students who interviewed. We will continue to recruit students and a deadline will be set soon for Summer and Fall students. Dr. Mulcahy briefly discussed curriculum for MPH/PA students brought up by Dr. Haub.

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Meeting ended at 11:45. Any other comments concerning surveys are to be mailed to the director for inclusion in the minutes.