

Minutes – MPH Coordinating Meeting
February 29, 2008

Meeting Began: 10:30 am

Members Present: Dr. Betsy Barrett, Dr. David Dzewaltowski, Dr. Lisa Freeman, Dr. Dan Fung, Dr. Mark Haub, Dr. Carol Ann Holcomb, Dr. Bob Larson, Dr. Mary McElroy, Dr. Manuel Moro

Special Guest: Dr. Sandra Procter

Announcements:

- Dr. Shanklin of the Graduate School has announced that Dr. Bob Larson has been appointed as the Interim Director of the Masters of Public Health Program
- Dr. Holcomb has received a working document outlining funding for the continuation of the program. Vet Med is providing funds for the director's salary, a program assistant position is provided by the Provost, and each college will contribute to the upfront costs of accreditation.
- Dr. Sandra Procter will be joining the Coordinating Committee as a replacement for Dr. Haub, who will begin a phased withdrawal from active committee membership. The position vacated by Dr. Holcomb will be filled by the new public health faculty member hired in Human Nutrition.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

USDA Challenge Grant Proposal

Report by Dr. Freeman

- All faculty should have received a bound copy of the grant application.
- The application was successfully submitted in early February.
- An announcement with regard to the success of the application is expected in May or June.

Other announcements

- Dr. McElroy will be assisting with the development of the new undergraduate course

Area of Emphasis Reports

- Physical Activity had no report.
- Human Nutrition had no report.
- Vet Med had no report.
- Dr. Fung announced that the International Workshop XXVIII Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology course will be held June 13-20, 2008. The course can be taken for 2 hours of credit at K-State. Also, the course draws a large number of people from a variety of regions and the MPH program could use it for recruitment.

- Dr. Barrett announced that the Department of Hotel, Restaurant, Institution Management & Dietetics has changed its name to Hospitality Management & Dietetics.

Student Applications Update

- Dr. Holcomb gave a report on the status of new student applications.
 - Two applications have been received for the physical activity area of emphasis.
 - One application has been received for food safety.
 - One application has been received for the post DVM program.
 - Seven students have had appointments and expressed interest in the DVM/MPH and non-DVM programs, but no applications have been received.

Approval of New MPH Faculty

- Dr. David Ashford, Adjunct Faculty Member, Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology – Dr. Fung moved the application be approved; motion was seconded by Dr. Larson. No discussion followed and motion was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Stephen Chapes, Professor, Biology – Dr. Fung moved the application be approved; motion was seconded by Dr. Moro. No discussion followed and motion was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Lisa Freeman, Professor, Anatomy & Physiology – Dr. Barrett moved the application be approved; motion was seconded by Dr. Haub. No discussion followed and motion was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Tandalayo Kidd, Assistant Professor, Human Nutrition – Dr. Barrett moved the application be approved; motion was seconded by Dr. Haub. No discussion followed and motion was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Deon van der Merwe, Assistant Professor, Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology – Dr. Larson moved the application be approved; motion was seconded by Dr. Moro. No discussion followed and motion was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Holcomb recommended the committee consider revising the MPH faculty list and remove faculty that are no longer active before going up for accreditation.
 - Dr. Fung mentioned that Food Science has 5-year cycle plan to remove faculty members who have not been involved with activities like attending meetings or advising students.

Meeting with the KU-MPH Program

- The meeting requested by Dr. Won Choi and Dr. Edward Ellerbeck from the KU-MPH program has been scheduled for April 25, 2008 at 10:00 am. Faculty from both the Kansas City and Wichita campuses will be in attendance.
- The location of the meeting will be announced later.

- Dr. Fung has agreed to provide the funds to cover lunch for the meeting attendees.
- Dr. Holcomb will check for availability of a room in the Union.
- Dr. McElroy suggested that we check into the possibility of giving the visiting faculty a tour of our research facilities.
 - Dr. Haub suggested possibly compiling a virtual tour consisting of photos and short video segments.
 - Dr. Dzewaltowski suggested splitting into interest groups and arranging tours accordingly.

KU-KSU Public Health Events

- Julianne Jensby, a member of the public health student organization, has contacted Dr. Holcomb regarding a possible speaker for upcoming public health events. One event will be held at KU and another at KSU.
- Dr. Freeman said she had also received the email and suggested either Dr. Haub or Dr. Ludzek as possibilities.
- Dr. Barrett also mentioned Dr. Tanda Kidd as another possibility.

NSF/NIH Surveys

- These surveys are completed to show student financial assistance.
- The program will need to show that some students are getting help without overlapping with needs being met by other means.
- The committee will need to develop a system for reporting student assistance.
- The next survey cycle will be January/February 2009.

Textbooks for the new Introduction to Public Health course

- Dr. Holcomb showed the committee two potential textbooks.
 - "Introduction to Public Health" –the text commonly used by other programs, but is very scholarly and may be too advanced for an introductory course.
 - "Essentials of Public Health" –introductory text that may be more appropriately suited for a general course.