

MPH Coordinating Committee meeting
October 10, 2008
10:30 am
Union StatEROOM 3

Present: Betsy Barrett, Kimathi Choma, Bob Larson, Mary McElroy, Sandy Procter, Deanna Retzlaff, and Ric Rosenkranz.

Guest: Mitch Ricketts

Bob provided an update on the director search. Dr. Diana Stone was on campus this week and was able to meet with almost all of the Coordinating Committee. The next two candidates will be on campus October 28-29 (Dr. Terry Gosch) and November 19-20 (Dr. Michael Cates). The feedback and discussion of interactions with Dr. Stone were positive.

Bob announced that Barta Stevenson has been hired as the new Program Assistant. She was not able to attend today's meeting, but has started in the office this week. Barta brings 16 years of KSU experience as well as excellent computer and web skills.

Mitch Ricketts described the Targeted Excellence proposal he is submitting. The proposal will expand KSU's graduate course offering in the areas of occupational safety - focusing on agricultural industries. Dr. Ricketts envisions the possibility of an MPH emphasis area in occupational safety. Discussion focused on some of the courses and expertise already present at KSU and the potential to expand the focus to service industries and other fields. Those present expressed interest and support for expanding KSU courses in occupational safety, but the MPH Program will delay considering adding a new emphasis area until a new Director is in place and the accreditation process is complete.

Mary McElroy led a discussion about the process to get the undergraduate Introduction to Public Health course listed within all participating colleges in time for enrollment for the fall semester. It is envisioned that the course will have the same number with different Departmental prefixes. A representative from each college was asked to find out the timeline/deadline for getting courses approved.

- Mary McElroy will serve as the A&S contact
- Sandy Procter and Mark Haub will serve as the HE contact
- Deanna Retzlaff will serve as the AG contact

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 am.

Bob Larson