Minutes

Present: Cates, Choma, Freeman, Larson, McElroy, Procter, Rosenkranz, Stevenson
Absent: Dzewaltowski, Fung, Ratzlaff

1. Dr. Cates called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

2. The minutes from March 27, 2009 were approved.

3. The following KSU Graduate Faculty were approved as new MPH faculty:
   a. Michael B. Cates, DVM, MPH, DACVPM (College of Veterinary Medicine, Professor, DMP)
   b. Cathleen Hanlon, VMD, PhD, DACVPM (College of Veterinary Medicine, Director, Rabies Laboratory)
   c. H. Morgan Scott, DVM, PhD (College of Veterinary Medicine, Professor, DMP)

4. Reports from Emphasis areas.
   a. Food Safety/Biosecurity: None
   b. Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses: Lisa Freeman updated the group on the status of “One Health Kansas.” They are sponsoring Rebecca Johnson, an expert on the human/animal bond from University of Missouri, for a conference on companion animal interactions (at a place and time to be announced). Interviews are planned for two OHK positions, Curriculum Coordinator and Integration and Outreach Coordinator.
   c. Public Health Nutrition: Ric Rosenkranz updated the group. MPH Students Joan Buchholz and Valerie Stull are progressing quickly toward graduation. Human Nutrition will have a visiting professor from India for the 2010 academic year; she will teach HN 702 “Nutrition in Developing Countries,” a graduate course open to MPH students.
   d. Public Health Physical Activity: Mary McElroy updated the group. MPH Student Zac McGill will finish all requirements this summer. The graduate school is allowing him to participate in commencement on 15 May.
   e. Pathways to Public Health: Kimathi Choma updated the group. The on-line introductory course (DMP 110) is almost completed, with final review scheduled for May 18. Plans are to have it offered in Fall 2009. The Summer Undergraduate Research in Public Health program will have 2-6 students this summer at Kansas State.

5. Announcements.
   a. Update on CEPH Accreditation. Application has been sent to CEPH and has been acknowledged, and it will be on the Council’s June meeting agenda. Our application is posted on MPH website under CEPH Accreditation.
b. Website Update. Video clips from “Excellence in Public Health” are posted under: People, Podcasts, Pictures and Perspective section.

c. Conferences to advertise MPH program. Michael Cates reported that we had our exhibit at the 4th Annual Governor’s Public Health Conference, “Kansas – A Great Environment for Growing Health Families,” April 20-22, 2009 at the Wichita Marriott Hotel. We plan to collaborate with the Food Science Institute for an exhibit at the Army Force Health Protection Conference in Albuquerque, NM in August 2009. We are in the process of gathering information for future exhibits (e.g., locations, promotion items, display, etc.).

d. “Excellence in Public Health” event. Barta Stevenson reported on the details of the event. Total cost was $1249.91, to include food ($393.46), room ($75), awards ($222.50), paper ($13.85), and travel for speaker ($543.10). The group briefly discussed their thoughts for next year’s event. Most thought National Public Health Week in April is a good time, and it was suggested that we finish by 5 pm.


a. Dr. Larson initiated a discussion on a new epidemiology course. His suggestions included making it an on-line course, to serve as an alternative “core” course to DMP 708/854. Some points raised included the 15 hour minimum for the Core Concept Certificate and a need for broad introductory public health content in one of our core courses. Dr. Larson asked for suggestions on textbooks and topics to be included.

b. Discussion on undergraduate pre-requisites required for degrees. Dr. Cates started the to review their undergraduate prerequisite requirements for our program. Do we (should we) require the pre-requisites of graduate students? Consensus was to leave it up to graduate committee because many students will have had “equivalent” courses.

c. The group discussed upcoming meetings. The MPH Coordinating Committee will not meet in June and July, and the next meeting is August 21, 2009 (3rd Friday) – Union Room 209 – 10:30 to noon. For planning purposes, the tentative schedule for other Fall 2009 meetings are:

- September 11 (2nd Friday) – Union Room 209 – 10:30 to noon;
- October 9 (2nd Friday) – 112 Trotter Hall – 10:30 to noon;
- November 13 (2nd Friday) – 112 Trotter Hall – 10:30 to noon;
- December 11 (2nd Friday) – Union Room 209 – 10:30 to noon.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.