

K-State MPH Faculty Advisory Council Meeting
Location: via Zoom -- February 8, 2021 at 10:30 AM
Minutes – Annual Meeting to review Survey Results

| Ct | Committee Member | Emphasis/Role | In Attendance |
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| 1 | Ellyn Mulcahy | MPH Director | X |
| | Stevenson, Barta | MPH Staff | X |
| | Open | MPH Student | |
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| 2 | Hsu, Wei Wen | Core Instructor | X |
| 3 | Larson, Robert | Core Instructor | X |
| 4 | Gragg, Sara | FSB | X |
| 5 | Kastner, Justin | FSB | X |
| 6 | Nutsch, Abbey | FSB | X |
| 7 | Adams Paige | IDZ + Core Instructor | X |
| 8 | Cernicchiaro, Natalia | IDZ | X |
| 9 | KuKanich, Kate | IDZ | X |
| 10 | Hanson, Jennifer | PHN + Core Instructor | X |
| 11 | Rosenkranz, Ric | PHN | X |
| 12 | Rosenkranz, Sara | PHN | X |
| 13 | Besenyi, Gina | PHPA | X |
| 14 | Mailey, Emily | PHPA | X |
| 15 | McElroy, Mary | PHPA + Core Instructor | X |

Dr. Mulcahy called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2020. (Will be done by email.)

Dr. Mulcahy reviewed the following items:

- Spring 2021 Orientation posted to website under Current Students menu item.
- Lunch and Learn for Spring 2021. Updated list.

| Month | Monday | Thursday | Friday | Time | Topic | Presenter |
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| February | 15 | | | 12:15 to 12:45 PM | Getting Hired! CVs, Letters, Resumes | Mary Ellyn Barkley, Career Center |
| | | | 26 | | Graduation Deadlines | Dr. Ellyn Mulcahy, MPH Director |
| March | 15 | | | | Faculty Update | Dr. Londo Nwadike, PhD, State Extension Food Safety Specialist |
| | | 18 | | (Notice time) 12:30 to 1:30 PM | 10 Essential Services from deBeaumont Foundation (especially for students) | Dr. Brian Castrucci (BI Auditorium in Trotter Hall is reserved to watch together, plenty of room for social distancing) |
| | | | 26 | 12:15 to 12:45 PM | How to Make a Professional Poster | Susie Larson, CVM Library |
| April | 19 | | | | Faculty Update | Dr. A. Sally Davis, Asst. Professor, Diagnostic Medicine/ Pathobiology |
| | | | 30 | | Faculty Update | Dr. Katie Heinrich, Professor, Kinesiology |

- MPH new faculty member: Dr. Abbie Viscardi in A&P.
- 2nd Round of Covid-19 Posters scholarships for students. Posters accepted through April 20, 2021. \$75/poster and students may submit 2 posters.
- Meeting with Registrar about the procedure for BS/MPH. Registrar and her team are working on a way to put notes in DARS/notes on transcripts. Each case is student specific. The procedure the MPH program has outlined are sufficient and work as long as the undergraduate advisor is involved.
- Future discussion on GRE requirement for applications. Should we waive it for anyone with a GPA of 3.5 or above from an accredited institution? Value as a requirement for international students?

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- New BS degree at K-State in Environmental Sciences would be a good fit to continue to the MPH.
- Meeting with Dr. Patrescu (Graduate School) in February. Send me anything you want us to discuss.
- The K-State Alumni Association invites you to nominate these students for awards recognizing May, August and December 2021 graduates. Awards included are: Anderson Senior Awards; Graduate Student Awards; International Leadership Awards; Robinson Family Multicultural Leadership Awards; Tony Jurich Community Commitment and Leadership Awards. Nomination forms and details regarding each award can be found online at www.k-state.com/awards. Tips on how to nominate a student can be found at www.k-state.com/participate/alumniandfriends/awards/nominationtips.php. Nominations are due by **Wednesday, February 16 at 11:59 p.m.**

4. FYIs and Reminders:

- Current Enrollment Numbers

| Emphasis Area | Continue | Start | Anticipated Graduates | Future Admits | | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| | Spring 2021 | Spring 2021 | Spring 2021 | Dom | Intl* | |
| Certificate Only | 11 | 3 | | | | 14 |
| Food Safety | 5 | | 2 | | | 3 |
| Infectious Diseases | 43 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 46 |
| Public Health Nutrition | 8 | 1 | 1 | | 5 | 13 |
| Public Health Physical Activity | 5 | 1 | 2 | | | 4 |
| Total | 72 | 9 | 11 | 1 | 9 | 80 |

*International students that may or may not be able to come.

- Dates for FAC Meetings via Zoom until further notice.

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| Monday, March 8, 2021 | 10:30 to 12:30 | |
| Monday, April 12, 2021 | 10:30 to 12:30 | |
| Monday, May 10, 2021 | 10:30 to 12:30 | |
| Monday, June 14, 2021 | 10:30 to 12:30 | |

- Reminder ... send us a short video about yourself for our website.
- Review of MPH Surveys. The topic for the remainder of the meeting was reviewing the surveys. What do they tell us? Actions taken as a result of surveys?

| # | Survey Name | When Launched | Dates | Notes | Rpt done | Response Rate |
|---------|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | Alumni Survey | Survey sent one year after graduation. | AY 2019 graduates | Qualtrics survey & report feature | X | 60% |
| 2a & 2b | Assessment Survey | Assessment right after defense by committee | AY 2020 and AY 2021 to date | Qualtrics survey & report feature | X | a=97% b=100% |
| 3 | MPH Exit Interview with Director | In-person exit interviews by program director | 2020 Graduates | Summary from notes | X | 93% |
| 4 | Certificate Exit Interview | In-person exit interviews by program director | May 2020 Grad | Summary from notes | X | 100% |
| 5 | Graduate Exit Survey | Survey sent right before/after graduation by MPH | Fall 18 to Fall 2020 | Qualtrics survey & report feature | X | 67% |
| 6 | MPH Entrance Survey | Survey sent in October each fall to new students | All Calendar year starts for 2020 | Qualtrics survey & report feature | X | 66% |
| 7 | Preceptor Evaluation of APE | On website filled out by preceptors | After May 31, 2019 | Qualtrics survey & report feature | X | N/A |
| 8 | Student Evaluation of APE | On website filled out by students after APE | After May 31, 2019 | Qualtrics survey & report feature | X | N/A |
| Note: | APE surveys (7 & 8) are open anonymous links on website. Surveys are completed when APE completed and often does not match up with AY of graduation. | | | | | |

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Comments are below:

Looking at all surveys together, the main theme for me is lacking details on APE/ILE/classes/other, as in wanting more orientations, more meetings, more contact from the MPs. I am glad we started the advising sessions, that will help with some of this.

I thought that the large majority of comments were favorable and sent a message that our activities and efforts have been effective. It is important to consider constructive criticism or the negative experiences of some students as part of the full picture, but I did not get a sense that there were any major systematic issues that were leading to unwanted outcomes for our MPH students. In other words, steady as she goes!

One thing to consider...On the alumni survey, we might want to slightly change the question: what type of organization is your principal employment, because some of our DVM graduates will not be sure which to put...clinical vet or private practice or academia. Most vets will be clinical and in private practice. Interesting that 3 listed they are practicing vets in the "what is your position title" but only 1 said they are a clinical vet. Maybe have them check all that apply.

Discussion on "If MPH students are treated differently than other students." Different is not necessarily good or bad. They are different because the program is 42 hours, and the majority do not complete a thesis. Generally, they are eligible for all scholarships as other master students, but some GTA spots are reserved for thesis students. In some aspects they get double resources. Students are given access to all spaces in Vet Med upon request. (Covid-19 restrictions have created some limited use hours/spaces.)

Most students do not use the Career Center. Why? How can we encourage use? Put it on the checklist for degree completion. Remind them when they start their APE site selection. Require it as a major professor. Have the Career Center every semester as a "Lunch and Learn" topic.

If possible, can we compare the response rates from last year with this year?