

K-State MPH Faculty Advisory Council Meeting
Location: via Zoom – Mar 4 @ at 10:30 AM
Minutes – Annual Meeting to review Survey Results

Ct	Committee Member	Emphasis/Role	In Attendance
1	Ellyn Mulcahy	MPH Director	X
	Becky Burks	MPH Staff	X
	Open	MPH Student	
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2	Shang, Shengwu	Core Instructor	
3	Reyes, Perla	STAT	
4	Larson, Robert	Core Instructor	X
5	Trinetta, Valentina	FSB	
6	Kastner, Justin	FSB+BSPH Instructor	X
7	Nutsch, Abbey	FSB	X
8	Adams Paige	IDZ	X
9	Cernicchiaro, Natalia	IDZ + BSPH Instructor	X
10	KuKanich, Kate	IDZ	X
11	Hanson, Jennifer	PHN + Core Instructor	X
12	Haub, Mark	PHN	
13	Wang, George	PHN	X
14	Besenyi, Gina	PHPA + BSPH Instructor	X
15	Mailey, Emily	PHPA + BSPH Instructor	X
16	Stoepker, Peter	PHPA + BSPH Instructor	
17	Bridges Hamilton, Christina	Undergrad Program Director	X
18	Kincaid, Margaret	Core Instructor	X

Each survey and responses were reviewed in order and the following comments noted:

#	Survey Name	When Launched	AY	Response rate
1	Alumni Survey	Survey sent one year after graduation.	2022	15 grads, 60% response rate
2a 2b	Degree Assessment	Assessment right after defense by committee	2023	11 grads 97% response rate from faculty
3	MPH Exit Interview with Director	In-person exit interviews conducted by program director (New AY 19)	2023	12 grads, 91.67% response rate
4	Certificate Exit Interview with Director	In-person exit interviews conducted by program director (New AY 20)	N/A	Only one cert, did not complete exit interview
5	Graduate Exit Survey	Survey sent right before/after graduation by MPH Office	2023	12 sent, 7 received for a 58.33% response rate
6	MPH Entrance Survey	Survey sent in Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023	2023	27 sent, 23 received for an 85 % response rate
7	Preceptor Evaluation of APE	On website and filled out by preceptors		Responses after May 31, 2019
8	Student Evaluation of APE	On website and filled out by students after APE experience		Responses after May 31, 2022

Note:

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Comments below:

Survey #1 Alumni Survey AY 2022:

Survey #2 Degree Assessment AY 2023:

Survey #3 Exit Survey with Director AY 2023:

Survey #4 Certificate interview with Director AY 2023: not reported

Survey #5 Graduate Exit Survey AY 2023:

Survey #6 Entrance Survey AY 2023:

Survey #7 Preceptor APE Evaluation after May 2022:

Survey #8 Student APE Evaluation after May 2022:

General comments/questions:

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

All surveys reviewed are from AY 2023 graduates, with the exception of the Alumni Survey which is sent out one year later which was from AY 2022 grads. Dr. Mulcahy gave a general overview of feedback from the surveys.

#1 Alumni Survey – students who graduated in AY 2022. The feedback was that many students had trouble understanding and knowing where to find the competencies. Competencies are discussed at the MPH orientation each semester but not all students attend or watch the orientation sessions. We also discuss the competencies in the APE Orientation and they should be listed in the class syllabus. We would like to find ways to make sure the competencies are discussed more. It was brought up that maybe students are just overwhelmed and possibly giving them a list to choose from would help. Faculty would also like to make sure students are provided a list of classes and it is obvious to students when looking where they are listed. It was also suggested that a video recording might be helpful to point the students to where the information is on our website to remind them how this works, here are the competencies specifically and which ones are covered in which classes. Which competencies should be added? We have considered getting rid of this question as we cannot add competencies.

Faculty member mentioned being disappointed that a Vet student said the MPH degree “does not apply”. Are there other dual pathways we could ask about on the survey? One would be the BS MPH, but we could highlight the many accelerated seeking student pathways. We have two students doing a PhD and MPH at the same time right now, it is possible and K-State allows it but there is no specific agreement.

It was asked in the chat “Do we know if employment is new or if they had their job coming into our program?” when asked on the survey. The program usually has this information.

#2 Degree Assessment – this is filled out by the student’s committee members. They choose at least 5 competencies to be evaluated on. In the chat it was said “Maybe ask what content they would like vs competencies.”

#3/4 Interview with the Director – filled out during an interview with Dr. Mulcahy after the student’s defense is complete. Many do not use the career center even though they are aware it is there. Most students say they do watch the videos of recorded orientations. Dr. Kastner’s classes are often a favorite, we like to keep a list to help future students. Nothing concerning or negative in the “advice for future students” section. We do use the “advice for future students” advice for the MPH Orientation sessions.

#5 Exit Survey- students fill out as they are graduating. More competency questions, course satisfaction feedback. There was a question about an annual checklist survey for students, the MPH Office checks in with students each semester. Could we implement an annual report system where a major professor has to sign off saying they did meet with the student? Faculty member asked about availability in finding and APE. We need to fix some wording in APE section. Adding to the agreement form that if there is an issue during the APE they will inform someone, in the MPH Office or their Major Professor. This would be the same for the preceptor. Questions from Dr. Kastner:

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Does BSPH have a list of field experiences? Does Olathe seem to have a growing number of field experience options? Dr. Kincaid's students are not yet that far along in the program, but she is willing to help find experiences as needed. Dr. Bridges-Hamilton is keeping a list but so far has only had one graduate of the program. Stormont Vail had an event last week and one table had internships but they don't have a process to match or know what type of students we have at K-State, it is all being done word of mouth. Creating some kind of internship portal or just working with them to identify different opportunities would be great as they form more structure. KDHE has a point person who has come to talk to our students every semester or once year as they have a more formal structure established. We have students attending our APE sessions earlier in their MPH as opposed to waiting until it is time to start their APE. It was asked "Would it be helpful to have a Public Health Internship Fair? Open to both MPH and BSPH students." There might be someone getting hired at Stormont to help facilitating internships. More field trips. KDHE internships: coordinator was hired and we have more students doing their projects with KDHE this year than normal.

Financial well being sessions, HHS has a well being minor. Is there anything equivalent for MPH students or could they take some of the classes? <https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/ahs/academics/minors/integrative-human-sciences/>

Meeting ended at 11:26. Any other comments concerning surveys are to be mailed to the director for inclusion in the minutes.