

Minutes

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Attendees:

Food Safety/Biosecurity: Dan Fung, Deanna Retzlaff
Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses: Bob Larson
Nutrition: Mark Haub, Sandy Proctor, Ric Rosenkranz
Physical Activity: David Dzewaltowski, Mary McElroy
Pathways to Public Health: Kimathi Choma
MPH Program Office: Barta Stevenson

Announcements:

1. Update of Program Director Search. Dr. Cates will be on campus next week (November 19 and 20). His presentation is Wednesday, November 19 at 2 PM, 4th Floor Trotter Hall in Practice Management Center. The presentations of the other candidates were videotaped and available for viewing if you were unable to attend.
2. Introduction of new Program Assistant. Barta Stevenson located in 1 Trotter Hall, 532-2042, bstevens@vet.k-state.edu, barta@ksu.edu, mph@ksu.edu To send campus mail just use Public Health, 1 Trotter Hall. She is available 20 hours/week, generally M-Th, 8AM to 1PM but schedule is flexible and can be changed as needed.
3. MPH Listserv cleanup. Let us know about anyone that should be removed/added. If you want something e-mailed from the Listserv, e-mail it to Barta with a note to send it out via the MPH Listserv.
4. Website update suggestions. The website will be updated within the next six months so please let us know about things that should be added/deleted. Also please forward links to any websites you like and do not like. That will help when deciding on the “look and feel” of the website.
5. MPH Field Experience Report. Dr. Kathleen Ritzmann will be presenting her field experience report on Monday, November 17 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in Mosier Hall room N202. Her field experience was with USDA APHIS Veterinary Services National Center for Animal Health Emergency Management (NCAHEM). NCAHEM develops strategies and policies for effective incident management and coordinates incident responses in addition to coordinating training for effective emergency responses.

Approved:

1. Minutes from October 10, 2008 meeting (sent by e-mail).
2. New faculty: Dr. Beth A. Montelone, Dr. Annelise Nguyen, Dr. Douglas Powell, Dr. Richard Rosenkranz, and Dr. Katherine Stenske.



3. K-REx as a repository for field experience reports. Field Experience reports will need to be formatted according to the Graduate School requirements and turned into a PDF file. Field experience reports will be deposited in an “MPH section” and a link will be provided on the MPH website to the K-REx repository. Requirement will be effective January 1, 2009.
4. Flexibility for elective courses for each Emphasis area. The wording: “*or other courses as approved by the major advisor*” will be added to program information for each Emphasis area.

Discussion:

1. Acceptance of students into MPH Program. Applications will be collected by the MPH program office and once all materials are received, a copy of the file will be forwarded to the Emphasis area contact person for consideration. If the student is accepted by the Emphasis area, the Emphasis area will assign a major professor and communicate that assignment to the MPH program office. The MPH program office will then forward the original application with the back filled out and the original transcript of credits to the Graduate School.
2. An MPH seminar course was discussed as outlined below. While the suggestion has merit, unless it is required for accreditation it will not be considered at this time.
 - Cross-listed among all participating colleges
 - Opportunity for students and faculty from across the MPH program to see/hear/learn from each other
 - Students can witness the quality of field experience report expected
 - Add to required course list – students are required to take the course for credit the semester before they do their field experience
 - All MPH students and faculty are encouraged to attend – even if not taking for credit
 - Faculty can give seminars on their research (rotate through all MPH faculty – plus other faculty with appropriate research)
 - Students can (must) present their field experience report or thesis presentation
 - Opportunity for other annual presentations: i.e. from the Office of International Programs (Elizabeth Ward)
3. Contact person for each Emphasis area that can answer questions and help students get admitted to the Emphasis area. Nutrition will forward the information as to who is replacing Dr. Holcomb.
 - Nutrition – Dr. Carol Ann Holcomb (**need replacement and contact information**)
 - Physical Activity – Dr. Mary McElroy, 785-532-6765 or mmcelro@ksu.edu
 - Food Safety/Biosecurity – Dr. Dan Fung, 785-532-1208 or dfung@ksu.edu
 - Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses – Dr. Robert Larson, 785-532-4257 or rlarson@ksu.edu
4. Reports from Emphasis areas
 - Food Safety: Two students working at FDA and one is an MPH graduate.



- Physical Activity: In February or March, Dr. James O. Prochaska, Director of Cancer Prevention Research Center and Professor of Clinical and Health Psychology at the University of Rhode Island, will be here to present a seminar. He is the author of over 300 publications, including three books, Changing for Good, Systems of Psychotherapy and The Transtheoretical Approach. He is internationally recognized for his work as a developer of the stage model of behavior change.
 - Nutrition: A dental hygienist has applied to the MPH program. International Obesity Conference in planning stages. Our graduate students (one is an MPH student) are planning a conference to bring in speakers to discuss international issues related to food security/scarcity. The plan is to discuss financial and health issues of developing (e.g., Kenya) and developed countries (e.g., US).
 - Pathways: Visited Kansas City Kansas Community College and Dodge City Community College campuses. Working on 100 level Public Health course curriculum. There was some discussion on who will be teaching the course once it is developed.
5. Bob Larson and Barta Stevenson met with students and faculty from Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses and received some good feedback. They would like to meet with the other Emphasis areas. A meeting of all other students and faculty was discussed and will be scheduled at a convenient time. The other areas can be done at one time and they will get together and let us know the time and place.
6. MPH meeting during Public Health week in 2009 was discussed. Dan Fung pledged funds and Mary McElroy suggested for student convenience the time be on a Tuesday afternoon, maybe during her course because she generally has 12-14 MPH students enrolled in KIN 818—Social and Behavioral Bases of Public Health. Suggested places: KSU Alumni Center or K-State Union. (National Public Health Week is April 6-12, 2009 so Tuesday of that week would be April 7, 2009.)
- Reserved (tentative, no deposit) the Purple Pride Conference Room at the Alumni Center for April 7, 2009, from 3-6 pm. Cost is \$75/day. The room can accommodate up to 50 people and can be configured any way we wish. It has round tables. April 7 is a busy day for the Alumni Center because they have a banquet going on and it is during Telefund. (Room reservation contact: Lauren Morano at 532-5071.)
7. Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 19, 2008 Time: 10:30 AM Place: Union Room 209
8. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

