
Minutes

Attendees:

Food Safety and Biosecurity: None (Deanna Ratzlaff, sick; Dan Fung, out of country)
Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses: Robert Larson
Public Health Nutrition: Ric Rosenkranz
Public Health Physical Activity: David Dzewaltowski, Mary McElroy
Pathways to Public Health: None (Kimathi Choma in Kansas City)
MPH Program Office: Michael Cates, Barta Stevenson

Announcements:

1. Student update. Dr. Cates handed out spreadsheet regarding current students and their status. He pointed out that we need to make sure Program of Study and incompletes are taken care of in a timely manner.
2. Enrollment update. Dr. Cates also provided a spreadsheet with the status of applications for enrollment in our program. So far, we have received eleven (11) international applications and 3 complete domestic applications; 8 other domestic student applications are in various stages. Deadline for international students has passed, deadline for domestic students is May 1.
3. Next Year's Budget. Dr. Cates announced he is working with the Chief Financial Officer at the College of Veterinary Medicine toward the 2010 program budget. He asked for recommendation for any budget line items, particularly conferences for recruiting/retention efforts.
4. Excellence in Public Health at K-State
Date: April 7, 2009 **Time:** 4:00-6:00 PM
Place: The Purple Pride Conference Room at the KSU Alumni Center

Agenda (Approximate times)

Time	Item	Person Responsible
4:00 PM	Hors d'oeuvres	Barta Stevenson
4:30 PM	Welcoming Remarks / Introduction of Guests	Mike Cates
4:35 PM	Recognition of alumni/graduate students and faculty	Honorees will each have 5 min
5:00 PM	Insights from an MPH Graduate	Mindi Russell
5:30 PM	View displays of student research/reports and posters	
6:00 PM	Adjourn	

5. 4th Annual Governor's Public health Conference in Wichita on April 20-22. We will be sharing space with Pathways to Public Health and will attend on April 21.
6. CEPH Accreditation. The draft application is ready for review once mission, goals and objectives are finalized (see discussion).

7. Marketing materials have been revised and updated, they correspond to information on website which has recently been revised and updated. Still need pictures from Emphasis Areas to replace stock pictures used.
8. Updates from Emphasis Areas:
Public Health Nutrition: Human Nutrition will have a visiting professor from India for the 2010 academic year. She will be teaching HN 702 – Nutrition in Developing Countries. HN 702 is a graduate course and open to MPH students.
Public Health Physical Activity: Melissa Bopp is bringing in: Dr. Carlos E. Crespo to discuss Health Disparities. Lecture will be on April 17 at 10:30 in the Union.

Approved: Minutes from February 20, 2009 (sent by e-mail).

Discussion:

Discussion for the remainder of the meeting focused on the CEPH application. Each Emphasis Area indicated that if not already completed, they would complete the faculty matrix. The mission and goals for the CEPH application were discussed and finalized as below. Measurable objectives for each goal still need more work.

1. Mission and Goals for Application

- K-State MPH Mission: To provide education, research, and service across multiple disciplines of public health, impacting human, animal, and community health locally, regionally, and globally.

Goals:

- Education: Provide comprehensive education and professional development to all students in the substantive areas of public health including: epidemiology, biostatistics, social and behavior sciences, health services administration, and environmental health sciences;
- Provide excellent training and education in specialized areas of public health, including food safety and biosecurity, infectious diseases and zoonoses, public health nutrition, and public health physical activity.
- Research: Conduct and communicate collaborative research and scholarship in the public health sciences.
- Service: Influence and support public health practice, to enhance health within Kansas and beyond.

2. Measurable Objectives aligned with Goals: The following were discussed as ideas. Dr. Cates will gather more input before submitting in CEPH application.

- Education:
Degree completion (80%) (CEPH Req)
Job placement, within 12 months of graduation (CEPH Req)
Graduate an average of 20 with MPH degrees each year, by 2012
100% of SLOs will be addressed in all core courses
Annual curriculum review by coordinating committee

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- Average GPA of graduates in core courses exceed 3.25 (or Graduate School requirement of 3.0)
Each Area of Emphasis will maintain minimum of 4.0 FTEs in teaching and/or research
All core courses offered on-line by end of FY10
- Research:
Provide opportunities for interested students to pursue public health research.
All areas will have public health research conducted/presented each year.
 - Service:
All core faculty participate in public health related service each year.
Establish linkages with communities and public health organizations.
3. Mapping Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) as required by the Provost and Graduate School to the mission and goals of the CEPH accreditation were discussed. It was agreed that we would do so wherever possible. While everyone was in general agreement some more discussion and planning needs to take place as the program moves forward to accomplish its short and long term goals.
- Proposed MPH SLOs: All MPH degree students must:
 - (1) Demonstrate an understanding of the public health core knowledge areas.
 - (2) Demonstrate understanding/competency in at least one specific area of emphasis in public health.
 - (3) Develop skills in basic public health concepts and demonstrate the application of these concepts through a practice experience that is relevant to the student's area of specialization.
 - (4) Demonstrate skills and integration of knowledge and communication abilities through a culminating experience.
 - Possible Assessment of SLOs (Ideas only)
Rubric matrix, conducted by supervisory committee
Grades in core / in electives
Alumni surveys
Employer surveys
4. Next Meeting: May 8, 2009 (2nd Friday) – Union Room 209 – 10:30 to noon.
5. Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.