

Graduate School of Public Health
Educational Policies and Curriculum Committee
Meeting Minutes | September 10, 2015

Present: Quinten Brown, Jane Clougherty, Kathleen Creppage, Jeremy Martinson, Eleanor Feingold, Candace Kammerer, Robin Leaf, Patricia Documet, Julia Driessen, John Shaffer, Mary Derkach, Taru Gupta, Ying Ding and Nancy Glynn

Absent: Yue Chen

Guests: Anthony Fabio, Jessica Burke, Marian Jarlenski

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Candace Kammerer, Chair.

New EPCC Member Introductions

The committee held brief introductions to orient the new departmental representatives, as well as the new student liaisons.

Election of a new EPCC Chairperson

Patricia Documet was elected as the new EPCC Chairperson

New Course: BCHS XXXX, Global Perspectives on Women's Empowerment, Gender Equality, and Health – Dr. Jessica Burke

Dr. Jessica Burke presented her new course, BCHS XXXX, *Global Perspectives on Women's Empowerment, Gender Equality, and Health*. This course's creation is due to new funding opportunities, which support the development of the course and syllabus. A majority of Dr. Burke's academic career has been closely related to the topic of this course, so she is very excited about its development. This course will be largely a structured, 2-credit, 10 week discussion-based course, related to the topic of women's health.

EPCC thought that the course would need some minor changes to move forward. For instance, one of our student representatives felt that students might need clarification regarding the course's textbook policy. Also, the committee felt that the action verbs used in the learning objectives needed to be changed.

Action – EPCC approves Dr. Burke's course, with minor recommendations for changed to the syllabus. An approval letter will be sent to Dr. Burke.

New Course: EPI 2143, Social Epidemiology – Dr. Anthony Fabio

Dr. Anthony Fabio was the next faculty member to present a course to EPCC. Dr. Fabio proposed a new course, EPI 2143, *Social Epidemiology* to the committee. The basis for this course is the idea of looking at social constructs of Epidemiology, while examining and applying several theories and methods. The upper echelon of public health schools across the country have a Social Epidemiology course, and based on our student's feedback, a course like this

was wanted/needed. While this course is still being fine-tuned, there are aspects that have been solidified, such as the required group manuscript work for the class.

EPCC felt that minor changes would be needed for this course. The committee felt that the action verbs used in the learning objectives needed to be changed. Also, the committee felt that the project(s) required for the course could be better aligned with the core course learning objectives.

Action – EPCC approves Dr. Fabio's course, with minor recommendations for changed to the syllabus. An approval letter will be sent to Dr. Fabio. The committee would also like for Dr. Fabio to resubmit his syllabus for the October meeting.

Course Modification: HPM 2063, The Politics of Health Policy – Dr. Marian Jarlenski

Dr. Marian Jarlenski was the last faculty member to present to EPCC. She has modified HPM 2063, *The Politics of Health Policy*. This course is going through a major modification, due to the fact that it has not been taught in years. Dr. Jarlenski is updating the course and developing her own materials. This will be an entry-level course, with a focus on US policies.

Students will argue assigned positions in class, and Dr. Jarlenski will be there to guide them through the process. Some in EPCC feared that based on the course content, some of the debates might become contentious. Dr. Jarlenski has picked topics that will spur debates, but has kept away from controversial issues. Dr. Jarlenski's learning objectives are linked to the course throughout her syllabus. This is something that is required in HPM.

Action – EPCC has approved this course, and an approval letter will be sent to Dr. Jarlenski.

Course Modification: EOH 3305, Genome Stability and Human Disease

EPCC revisited a course modification for EOH 3305, *Genome Stability and Human Disease*. This course had submitted a syllabus to the committee for its review. The committee felt that the syllabus sent needed some edits in order to look "student-ready". The committee was also having difficulty tracking the changes that were being made to the syllabus/course. EPCC requested that an EPCC Course Modification form be submitted, in order for the committee to better track the modifications to the course/syllabus. The last critique from the committee revolved around the learning objectives outlined in the syllabus. It was not clear to the committee how the sessions and assignments met the learning objectives in the course.

Approval of August meeting minutes

Approved.

Spring 2016 EPCC Schedule Confirmation – Quinten Brown

For the Spring 2016 semester, EPCC meetings will be moving back to the 3rd Thursday of each month. The time (1:30-3:30 p.m.) and location (110 Parran) will remain the same. The dates are:

- January 21, 2016
- February 18, 2016
- March 17, 2016
- April 21, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting is October 21, 1:30-3:30p.m., 110 Parran Hall.

Future items for discussion/ action at upcoming meetings: N/A