

**Graduate School of Public Health
Educational Policies and Curriculum Committee
February 8, 2022 | 12-2pm**

Andriy Bandos, Kevin Broom, Mike Dolinger, Tony Fabio, Jim Fabisiak, Elizabeth Felter, David Finegold, Muhammad Sohaib Khan, Sarah Krier, Josh Mattila, Ryan Minster, Kimberly Rehak, Eric Roberts, Samantha Runa, Ada Youk

The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm by Dr. Jim Fabisiak, chair.

Two Applications for Course Modification for EPIDEM 2720: *Reproductive Epidemiology* and EPIDEM 2710: *Epidemiology of Women’s Health* – Catherine Haggerty [votes required]

Dr. Catherine Haggerty presented two applications for course modifications. The modifications for EPIDEM 2720: *Reproductive Epidemiology* and EPIDEM 2710: *Epidemiology of Women’s Health* were presented together. Dr. Haggerty explained that the major changes involved an attempt at reducing redundancies between the courses and to modify a few activities in the *Women’s Health* course.

ACTION: Committee members voted to formally approve both courses.

UPDATE: These course numbers were updated by the registrar’s office. EPIDEM 2720 is now EPIDEM 2719: *Reproductive Epidemiology* and EPIDEM 2710 is now EPIDEM 2709: *Epidemiology of Women’s Health*.

New Course Revisit / Review [materials only], EPIDEM XXXX: *Infectious Diseases and Global Health*

Committee members reviewed the resubmitted new course application and syllabi for the course EPIDEM XXXX: *Infectious Diseases and Global Health*. Dr. Nachega was unable to attend the EPCC meeting due to family issues, so the committee members agreed to vote on the official approval of the course via email after Kimberly Rehak, EPCC staff liaison checked with Dr. Josh Mattila on whether there would be too much overlap between this course and IDM: 2038: *Prevention, Treatment, and Control of Global Infectious Diseases*.

While Dr. Mattila thinks there might be some overlap in content (since “there are only so many diseases”), he believes the approach will be different. IDM 2038 tends to have a greater emphasis on prevention and treatment, and although it may touch on the epidemiology of a particular disease, it is not focused on that aspect.

ACTION: Committee members voted to formally approve the updated course materials.

UPDATE: Assigned course number EPIDEM 2162.

Schedule Spring meeting dates and times, All

Due to the conflicting schedules of EPCC members, a compromise schedule was proposed so that committee members with conflicts will not miss all of the meetings for the semester. The Spring 2022 EPCC meeting schedule is as follows:

February 8, 12-2pm

March 10, 1:30-3:30pm

April 7, 1:30-3:30pm.

ACTION: Kimberly Rehak will send out the meeting invites for the spring 2022 EPCC meeting schedule.

Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes, All [vote required]

ACTION: The EPCC committee members voted to approve the meeting minutes from January 2022 provided that the phrase “the stricter enrollment standards for Pitt Public Health students” was clarified and changed to “the requirement that Pitt Public Health students must register for a credit in their term of graduation.”

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39pm.

[Closed session – Additional Fall 2021 student records evaluation, Mike Dolinger and language in warning letters to students about academic issues, Ryan Minster]

Upcoming EPCC Meeting(s)

March 10, 1:30-3:30pm

April 7, 1:30-3:30pm

May 5, 1:30-3:30pm

Course application deadlines for 2022 and 2023 course scheduling

All courses must be presented at or before the EPCC meetings in the month listed:

Fall 2022 modifications — January 2022

Spring 2023 new course- May 2022

Spring 2023 modifications **and** Summer 2023 new courses – August 2022

Summer 2023 modifications – October 2022

Fall 2023 new course – November 2022 Fall 2023 modifications – January 2023

Please be reminded that course documentation is due to EPCC one week before the EPCC meeting date. The meeting dates will be added to the EPCC webpage as soon as they are established by the committee.

Modifications

Fall courses- To the Registrar's Office (RO) February of that year, EPCC January of that year

Summer- To the RO November of the previous year, EPCC October of the previous year

Spring- To the RO September of the previous year, EPCC August of the previous year

New Courses

Fall courses- To the RO December of the previous year, EPCC November of the previous year

Spring- To the RO June of the previous year, EPCC May of the previous year

Summer- To the RO September of the previous year, EPCC August of the previous year