

Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Curriculum Committee Meeting

December 13, 2021

1:00pm- 3:00pm

Zoom: <https://tulane.zoom.us/j/91075585974>

Committee Members in Attendance:

Dr. Dominique Meekers (DM), IHSD
Dr. Amanda Anderson (AA), EPID
Dr. Assafa Abdelghani (AG), ENHS
Dr. Latha Rajan (LR), TRMD
Dr. Yaozhong Liu (YZ), BIOS
Dr. Latha Rajan (LR), TRMD

Other Faculty in Attendance:

Dr. Susan Cheng
Dr. Paul Hutchinson
Dr. Nancy Mock
Dr. Lina Moses
Dr. John Lefante
Dr. Brigham Walker sub for C. Stoecker

Ex Officio and Advising Attendees:

Dr. Felicia Rabito (FR), Assoc. Professor, Chair
Dr. Christine Arcari (CA), Sr. Associate Dean
Dr. Angela Breckenridge (AB) (Sub for M. Begaliev)
Dr. Katherine Andrinopoulos (KA), Dir. of Doctoral Programs
Dr. Alicia Battle (DB), Assoc. Dean for Online Programs

Not Present for Meeting:

Dr. Charles Stoecker (CS), HPM
Dr. Maya Begaliev (MB), SBPS
Mya Willis, SGA Rep

Minutes

- I. **November 8, 2021, Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes-** LR made motion, DM seconded the motion, motion carried by majority quorum (MB and CS not present).
- II. Old Business
 - i. SPHL 6050: Dr. Lefante updated the Committee on SPHL 6050. A year ago there was discussion about making SPHL 6050 less quantitative and adding BIOS 6030 for students seeking degrees in Biostatistics and Epidemiology or any other quantitative degree. The biggest question is whether two courses are needed, SPHL 6050 would cover data management, data visualization and management, and inference. BIOS 6030 would be similar to SPHL 6050. Dr. Lefante added if two courses were offered he would need for more faculty. Dr. Lefante stated that the department has reconsidered the need for two courses. FR requested that materials be submitted for review of SPHL 6050 for the January CC meeting. Dr. Lefante agreed to do so.
- III. New Business
 - i. FR discussed the need for online programs and on-ground courses to use the same academic syllabus template. Some of the MPH courses were not using an

academic syllabus. This was requested at a previous CC meeting and has not yet been completed. Dr. Battle commented, the grad assistants have completed that task and working on sending the completed work over. In addition, there were courses that were approved last year and she was not aware, so they could not go in and work on the updated template. FR requested that Dr. Battle submit a document showing the MPH online and on-ground are aligned.

IV. Curriculum Review

A. Program Review

- i. **DrPh in Leadership, Advocacy, and Equity, (submitted for initial review by Dr. Cheng) the peer reviewers are Amanda Anderson and Charles Stoecker. Charles Stoecker was not present for meeting. Brigham Walker reviewed on behalf of Charles Stoecker.** Dr. Brigham Walker reviewed on behalf of CS. Dr. Walker read CS's notes suggesting to drop the HPM course and use SPHL 8010 to assess competency 12 and 13. BW added on behalf of CS, CS feels comfortable approving with minor revisions if this is completed. Per AA, revisions were submitted by Dr. Cheng to remove the HPM course. Additional notes from CS included, Noodle vendor fees are high, concerns about financial backing and needing 70 new starts per year to break even. Dr. Battle commented the Proforma is not set up this way, it's years out. SPHTM does not have a say in the contract with the vendor, the entire institution uses Noodle per University policy. Dr. Cheng added this will not be housed in any one department, it is a schoolwide program. FR questioned the quantity of new courses and if they are mapped to the competencies. Dr. Cheng replied there are six new courses. Three are mapped to the competencies. Faculty will have advance rights to teach the course. There are faculty that teach similar courses, creators of the course, and adjuncts with experience ready to teach the course. **AA made a motion to approve, DM seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority quorum. (CS and MB not present for vote)**
- ii. **PhD in International Health and Sustainable Development, (submitted by Paul Hutchinson) the peer reviewers are Latha Rajan and Assafa Abdelghani.** This program was reviewed in May 2021 as a 72-hour credit program and approved.

Since then, modifications were made to reduce this program to a 48-hour program. Modifications include removing verbiage related to 72-credit hours, required public health courses reduced to 12 credit hours, shifted program course requirements, and inappropriate verb usage for competencies. CA- No more than 50% credit hours can be transferred. The move is from 72 to 48 hours was to rid of the excessive credit hours transfer. LR notes included the date of review was incorrect, some of the program competencies did not match, the competency assessment matrix should be reviewed, the table in 4b has additional numbering, and the number of items on the program review are not in order. Dr. Hutchinson agreed to make these revisions. AG did not provide any additional comments. **LR made a motion to approve with minor revisions. AG seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority quorum. (CS and MB not present)**

B. Course Review

- i. **IHSD 6331- Public Nutrition and Health in Complex Emergencies (Faculty, Nancy Mock, the peer reviewers are Maya Begalieva and Charles Stoecker, both reviewers were not present for meeting. Angela Breckenridge reviewed on behalf of Maya Begalieva and Brigham Walker reviewed on behalf of Charles Stoecker) submitted for standard review—Summer 2021 Intercession.** Dr. Walker commented CS requested three changes, sent via email to Dr. Mock. Learning objective 5 is now 3 learning objectives, expand this from 3 to 5. The description of the signature assessment for learning objective 5 is unclear. The added rubrics are missing the weighting of the contribution of each component. If these are amendable CS will approve with minor revisions. Dr. Mock commented she reworded objective 5 to make this a single objective, added verbiage to the final exam, and put a phrase that the rubric will be equally weighted. AB did not have any additional comments on behalf of MB. **Dr. Walker, on behalf of CS, made a motion to approve with minor revisions, AB, on behalf of MB, seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority quorum (CS and MB not present).**

- ii. **TRMD 7650- One Health Approaches to Diseases (Faculty, Lina Moses, the peer reviewers are Dominique Meekers and Yaozhong Liu) submitted for initial offering—Spring 2021.** The initial offering was in 2019, step 3 was submitted in 2020 but not approved. Some CC concerns included the students evals—the course was disorganized and not enough clarity on expectations of the course. The course has not been offered since then. Dr. Moses submitted a new step 3 form with revised syllabus and it has been clarified what is expected. DM's comments included- class attendance was not required but 15% of the grade was based on class participation. Dr. Moses is not tracking class attendance but assignments and they must be done in class. DM added there were a lot of references to Module 1 but no others, this was clarified that this is a paper. Lastly, the learning objectives table was missing, but that this was not the new version of the template. All comments have been addressed. YZ added he did not have comments except the learning objective table missing from the form and this was submitted. **DM made a motion to approve, YZ seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority quorum (CS and MB not present)**

Meeting Adjourned- Next Curriculum Meeting – January 18, 2022, Reynolds Conference Room,
10:00am-12:00pm