



SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC HEALTH
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

School of Public Health Student Senate Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, 3/13/2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, HSEC 2-110

Attendance: Caylin Crawford (notes), Quin Nelson, Annie Lemieux, Mariah Olinger, Jonathan Barnes, Emma McGrew, Grace Savard, Maya Koffski, Laila Bushagour, Eleanor Hansen, Nicole Sewell, Michelle Crandall, Liam Diaz, Connor Oetzmann, Grace De Boom, Dean Melinda Pettigrew, Jenny Porter

1. **Welcome, grab food, and get settled (until 6:10)**
2. **Discussion with Dean Pettigrew**
 - a. Intros: Name, program, committee(s)
 - b. Dean Pettigrew introduction
 - c. Questions for SPHSS:
 - i. Feedback about credit # for different programs
 1. How has this policy impacted your time at SPH? Is there a benefit to having different credit requirements for different programs?
 - a. The school is so silo'd: where do we need to bridge silos between programs? (what skills do students want to get?)
 - b. Paying per credit:
 - i. Need to evaluate how much a 4 (versus 2-) credit course adds to total credit numbers
 - ii. Impacts what courses you take- can take classes that you enjoy and that make a more well-rounded professional
 - c. Flat rate:
 - i. Flexibility to add a minor or take extra electives without paying more
 - d. Flexibility with number of electives and availability of elective courses differs between programs
 - e. Understanding credit requirements varies between programs and depends on program coordinator
 - f. Inconsistent Master's projects between programs
 - g. GPAS/APAS tracker doesn't work for credit and course planning
 - h. Classes being listed and then cancelled makes course planning difficult

- d. Questions for Dean Pettigrew:
 - i. Inclusion of accessibility into DEI
 - 1. Making it clear that accessibility is a priority (disability justice)
 - 2. Inclusion disability justice in coursework
 - 3. Incorporating universal design principles into building planning
 - 4. Course design- course materials sometimes are outdated and don't meet the requirements that professors require for their students' presentations
 - e. What's the best way to contact Dean Pettigrew?
 - i. SPHSS, go through Jenny
 - ii. Possibility of Dean Pettigrew joining SPHSS meetings in the future

3. Officer Reports

- a. President
 - i. APHA student social planning for Oct 2024
 - 1. APHA is in Minneapolis next year, would senate want to help plan a student/alum social?
 - a. Yes- Jenny is point person, she will find out more and let us know
- b. Vice president
 - i. Will talk about in events update!
- c. Communications
 - i. Stay connected on social media for updates and during public health week
- d. Finance
 - i. Reminder: Keep voting on grants!
 - ii. Reach out to me if you think you are interested in applying for finance officer!
- e. Secretary
 - i. Eboard election process and timeline:
 - 1. Nominations open: March 13th
 - a. Email to all SPH Students: March 13th
 - 2. Nominations close: March 22nd
 - 3. Voting opens: April 2nd
 - a. Email to all SPH Students April 2nd
 - b. Reminder in SPHere April 8th
 - 4. Voting closes: April 9th
 - 5. Announcement of new e-board: Wednesday April 17th, followed by a SPHere announcement Monday, April 22nd.
 - a. Transition Date: End of April into Early May
 - b. Questions about elections? Crawf144@umn.edu

4. Committee Reports

- a. Alumni committee
 - i. More meetings requested from alums so will likely be more frequent meetings next year.
- b. Events committee
 - i. Trivia Night!
 1. Tuesday, March 19th, 2024
 2. Minneapolis Cider Co.
 3. Starts at 7:30 PM, arrive early!!
 - ii. Pickleball Night
 1. Thursday, April 11th, 2024
 2. Minneapolis Cider Co.
 3. 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 4. We will have two courts rented out, as well as the lounge.
 5. Some food will be provided.
 6. Please bring paddles if you have them!
 - iii. Spring Celebration
 1. Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 6:00-8:00pm
 2. McNamara Alumni Center in University Hall
 3. Alumni will be present and giving away raffle baskets
 4. Great opportunity to network with alumni!
 5. Student Senate will be giving away raffle baskets as well
 - a. Message Emma if you'd like to make a basket (or like to shop!)
 6. Catering by D'Amico and Sons
 7. More details to come!
 - iv. Attending a softball game
 1. More details at April meeting
- c. Advocacy committee
 - i. SPHere update sub-committee
 1. Waiting on answers from FM about lighting, outlets, etc.
 2. We have a new card reader though!
 3. And a new printer toner and we'll be getting a new printing station
 4. SPHere survey coming up soon
 5. Email Caylin, Maya, Jonathan if you have ideas for
 - ii. Admitted Students Day
 1. Met with Jenny before spring break - very receptive to thoughts. Connected us in conversation with Ned McCully and Emily Dunsworth (Assistant Dean of Recruitment and Enrollment)

2. Met with EPC earlier this week - lots of positive feedback. They expressed gratitude for bringing this forward (yay!) and would like updates moving forward.
 3. Emily Dunsworth reached out to us and scheduled a meeting with us to continue the conversation. We are meeting with her next week!
- d. PSG
- i. Annie L was voted onto the PSG Judiciary Committee
 - ii. PSG Congress voted to support a Resolution on Continuing Google Services that will be brought to University Senate and Student Senate later this month
 - iii. PSG Gala March 15th
- e. University Senate
- i. No updates
- f. EPC
- g. Research committee
- i. Met with Andy Herzog, Research Information Management Librarian to talk about Experts@Minnesota
 1. Discussing research data/metrics that could benefit individual SPH faculty, staff, entities like our Centers, and the school as a collective
 - ii. Brief updates on Support Letter Request Forms
 1. Office of Research will facilitate until Chief of Staff hired
 2. REDcap form developed to submit requests
 - iii. Xu Wang Scholarship applications
 1. Purpose: To provide support to SPHealth to offer educational programs focused on training students to research and evaluate data in the area of childhood health and wellness through student research opportunities or scholarly projects (\$5,000 max)
 2. Applications open March 18 – April 26
 3. Applications reviewed April 29 – May 8
 4. Awardees notified May 13
 5. Funding period June 3, 2024 – June 30, 2025
 - iv. APHA 2024
 1. October 27-30, 2024
 2. Minneapolis!
 3. Conference Theme: Rebuilding Trust in Public Health and Science
 - a. SPH Booth Theme: [2023 theme: “Healthier. Happening here.”]
 - i. Goals: Strengthen our positioning & school ranking among peer schools; promote SPH leadership and

innovation in research, education, and antiracism via a powerful combination of messaging and visuals; engage key participants including leaders at SPH students, faculty, staff, alumni, and donors for MPH; strengthen our partnerships with...[MDH]

4. Abstracts due March 29, 2024
 5. Registration opens June 2024
 - v. Hennepin County, the School of Public Health, and the Hennepin-University Partnership are co-sponsoring an event convening UMN faculty and leaders from Hennepin County Public Health. [Integrating Social Determinants of Health Data to Reduce Health Disparities]
 1. 4 SPH faculty/staff will meet with HUP on March 15th, 2024
 - a. Harrison Quick (BHDS)
 - b. Dori Cross (HPM)
 - c. Colin Planalp (HPM, SHADAC)
 - d. J'Mag Karbeah (HPM)
 - e. Facilitated by Marta Shore
 - h. Commencement committee
 - i. We need people to help select the speaker selection
 1. Look at the materials and rank the application videos with a rubric
 2. Rubrics need to be submitted by March 25
 3. Only 4 videos, plan maybe an hour or so
 - i. National Public Health Week-
 - i. Can senators help promote and engage classmates to participate?
 1. Scavenger hunt happens throughout the week
 2. PSA poster competition
 3. [NPHW Website](#) (UMN specific)
 4. [APHA NHPW Official Website](#)
 5. Please engage in any activities you can!
 6. Will share official posts and signage associated with NPHW
- 5. Announcements**
- a. Grad Fest
 - i. March 20 and 21, 10am-6pm @ Coffman Bookstore
 - b. Heather from Office of Student Affairs will be at our April meeting to discuss the student fee & health insurance changes
 - c. Any good news?
- 4. Old business**
- 5. New business**