

Committee on Academic Operations Meeting Minutes

19th CAO meeting of 2015-2016

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 in Salisbury Labs 124

Chair: Stephan Strum (MA)

Secretary: VJ Manzo (HUA)

In Attendance:

William Clark (CHE), Mark Claypool (CS), Heather Jackson (Registrar), VJ Manzo (HUA), Kristin McAdams (Administrator of Academic Programs), Paul Reilly (Academic Advising), Stephan Strum (MA), Justin Wang (BUS), Kris Wobbe (Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies)

Called to order at 4:00pm

Minutes approved

Old Business:

1. Motion to Establish the GPH Designation (Global Public Health) (Wobbe)

- CAO feels the rationale for this motion is not clearly established
- CAO feels that the courses suggested to receive the GPH designation would be better suited to receive the ID, SSPS, STS, or other appropriate existing designation
- CAO could not find any precedent for the similar designation for courses for a minor and sees also no easy practical solution how to implement this in the current framework
- Motion rejected

2. Motion to Add a New Course, GPH 1000 (Wobbe)

- CAO requests that this course, proposed to receive the GPH designation, receive the STS, ID, or other appropriate existing designation, and the appropriate new course number for that designation
- CAO suggests that the resource needs should more clearly reflect that the intent is for Dean Oates to become the instructor for this course as well as any other qualified, intended instructors
- CAO requests clarification or removal of the "unlikely to impact" statement in the distribution requirements

- Conditionally approved

2. Motion to Add a New Course, GPH 2000 (Wobbe)

- Discussed and decision deferred until the decision on the minor motion, as potentially contingent upon the minor motion

3 Motion to Add a New Course, GPH 4000 (Wobbe)

- Discussed deferred as potentially contingent upon the minor motion

5. Motion to Establish a WPI Minor in Global Public Health (GPH) (Wobbe)

- Discussed without vote due to time restraint

New Business:

1. Student Petition (Jackson)

- Approved

2. CAO Administrative Support (Wobbe)

- Not reviewed due to time restraint

3. Statement of Philosophy Request to CAP (Manzo)

- Not reviewed due to time restraint

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
V.J. Manzo, CAO

