

The University of British Columbia  
**School of Population and Public Health**

Minutes of Faculty Meeting held on Friday, April 26, 2024  
at 10:15 am to 12:00 pm in Room B104/Zoom

**Present:** Please see the attached attendance list of those who attended the meeting in person or via Zoom and signed/checked out their names.

**1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Trevor Corneil, Acting Director)**

Trevor commenced the meeting by acknowledging the ancestral territory.

**2. Presentation by the Ministry of Health** - Ministry of Health Executive team: Maryna Korchagina, Brian Sagar (online), Meaghan Thumath, Geneen Russo, Juan Solorzano.

Maryna introduced the team of executive directors and provided an overview of the ministry's structure, emphasizing its role as one of 12 divisions within the Ministry of Health. Each executive director elaborated on their respective branches' functions, including Data Governance and IT solutions, Health Protection, Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, Prevention and Health Promotion, Strategy, Planning and Evaluation. Maryna reiterated the importance of collaboration and transparency between the ministry and external stakeholders, emphasizing the need for shared accountability in public health decisions. Proposed to have quarterly meetings to discuss practicum opportunities and resources needed for collaboration.

**3. Approval of Agenda**– approved.

**4. Approval of Minutes of March** – approved.

**5. SPPH REDI Webpage** – Gabrielle Price, Sue Mills, Stefan Mladenovic

Gabrielle presented the REDI website. The website features were further detailed, including a slider for feature stories, dedicated sections for events and community leaders, and a resource page. She also emphasized the inclusion of a prominent "Learning Mistreatment Help" button to provide students with a confidential platform to report any concerns. This feature aligns with the existing practice on the Faculty of Medicine's website. It was highlighted that the website should clearly delineate between formal and informal reporting channels.

Concerns were raised about the process for listing events on the website, with suggestions for streamlining the approval process. It was agreed to revisit this issue in future meetings to ensure transparency and efficiency.

**6. Associate Directors Updates** – report attached

- **Education** – Trevor Dummer

- a) Trevor introduced a new reporting process for learning mistreatment. Instead of a single follow-up option, there are now two options: Equity, Medicine REDI Process and SP Grade Process. The former involves reporting through the official process, while the latter allows for informal discussion, and emphasizes the importance of

adhering to the official process, as approved by the Faculty. Faculty members suggested embedding the reporting process into syllabi and Canvas sites to ensure awareness and accessibility.

- b) There are two upcoming faculty forums, one is the Generative AI and teaching forum with a panel discussion to cover the current landscape and requirements. The other forum will focus on Canvas best practices, lecture recording, and course blending (with structured appreciation barbecue). Encourage faculty to RSVP for upcoming forums, and encourage attendance of term instructors and adjunct faculty.

**7. Advisor to the School Director**– report attached

- Sue Mills outlined ongoing efforts within the committee to address dialogue, communication, and mental health concerns.

**8. Program Directors, Centre Directors, and Division Heads** – report attached

- Martin Guhn: Appreciation to Ameer, Louise, Trevor, and Lisa for presenting on teachings, and brainstorming in the HIP division.
- Paul Kershaw: raised concerns about creating spaces for academic discourse on global issues.

**10. Administration (Operations, HR & Finance)** – none

**11. Communications** – none

**12. Announcements/Celebrations**

- SPPH Asst. Prof. Devon Greyson was named the 2024 Applied Public Health Chair.
- Faculty who chaired doctoral examinations between January and December 2023:  
Karen Bartlett  
Jane Buxton (2 exams)  
Patti Janssen  
Michael Law (2 exams)  
Ying MacNab  
Louise Masse  
Christopher McLeod  
David Patrick  
Jerry Spiegel

**13. Other Business Arising** – None.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**Next SPPH Faculty Meeting: Friday, May 31, 2024**