

# International Health Committee

Minutes of May 14, 2003 meeting

Attendees: E. Naik (EPI/BIO), C. Onkst (EOH), M. Churton (guest), S. Becker (CFH), H. Eko (student), A. Azizon (EOH), B. Kwa (EOH), J. Cattani (EOH), F. Khan (student), N. Price (student), W. Westhoff (CFH).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues raised at last month's meeting with Dean Stan Graven:

1. To develop a structure for attracting students into the global health program.
2. How to best structure the committee within the college and its roles.
3. Discuss permanent international field placement sites.
4. Review pertinent information that was collected by Ginger Phillips for L. Branch.
5. Discuss how the Peace Corp fits into the global health program.
6. Discuss the integration of the Tropical Health into the global health program.

Each of these items are addressed below.

In addition to discussing these topics, Dr. B. Kwa presented a format for a new unit within the COPH titled "Department of Global Health and Disease." The new unit would have two tracks, the current Global Health track and a newly formed Global Communicable Disease track. The committee accepted the concept and primarily focused on: 1) the creation of a new core course that would originate from the new unit and 2) how best to advise students who are in the Global Health program. The motion was made to approve the concept of a new unit within the College, but with continuing discussion on the final product regarding the core course and student advising. There were no descending votes.

Response to items 1-6:

1. To develop a structure for attracting students into the global health program.
  - a. There is a need to assist students with their intl. Field placement. A stipend of around \$500 was suggested to encourage students to enter the program.
  - b. Eliminate the out-of state tuition.
  - c. National and international marketing
2. How to best structure the committee within the college and its roles.
  - a. The faculty committee of the newly proposed unit would replace the existing committee.
3. Discuss permanent international field placement sites.
  - a. Many sites were discussed. Committee members will email names of institutions and affiliations that they have connections with.
  - b. A list of countries that were generated included: Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Viet Nam, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Belize, Tanzania, India.
  - c. Organizations such as the Peace Corp, Doctors without Borders, USAID and the US Embassy's were mentioned as potential contacts for establishing sites.
4. Review pertinent information that was collected by Ginger Phillips for L. Branch.
  - a. This item was shelved until the information can be reviewed.
5. Discuss how the Peace Corp fits into the global health program.
  - a. The Peace Corp was suggested as a potential source for field placement sites.
6. Discuss the integration of the Tropical Health into the global health program.
  - a. This discussion was the main focus of the meeting as the Tropical Health track would become part of the newly formed unit.

Recorded: Wayne Westhoff, co-chair 5/16/03