

Student Affairs Committee

September 27, 2011

Minutes

Absent:

Representative from the Department of Health Policy & Management

In Attendance:

Amy Borenstein, Ph.D. (via telephone) (Epi/Bio)

Donna Haiduven (Global) (via telephone)

Michelle Hodge (Administration)

Bruce Levin, Dr.PH (CFH)

Hana Osman, Ph.D. (EOH) Temporary Committee Chair

Todd Williams (Administration)

The meeting was convened at 11:00 a.m. in the EOH conference room.

The committee met to discuss, rate and nominate eligible students who applied for the Presidential Management Fellowship. Dr. Osman announced that she has learned that the USF Graduate School also has a process for nominating qualified students for this national fellowship. Dr. Linda E. Lucas, Ph.D. Director, Office of National Scholarships – ADM 272 University of South Florida Tampa, Florida 33620-6912, Tel: (813) 974-3087 informed all graduate students of the availability of the fellowship. Dr. Osman was invited by Dr. Lucas to attend a meeting on September 27 to discuss how USF can streamline the process for all graduate students.

Three students applied to the COPH SAC to be nominated for the fellowship. After reviewing the applications that included a student written essay as well as a faculty member's recommendation letter and a CV, the committee voted on nominating two of the three applicants. There is no limit on the number of students that we are allowed to nominate. Dr. Osman will report back to the SAC after meeting with Dr. Lucas and her group. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Hana Osman, Ph.D.

Addendum: Dr. Osman met with Dr. Lucas and her team and it was decided that this national fellowship would be entirely managed in future years by the USF Office of National Scholarships. They would inform the graduate students of its existence, promote the fellowship, and make the nominations. The group also decided to nominate all students who applied this year (20 students + the two PH students nominated by the SAC). Three public health students applied using the Graduate School process, and they will also be nominated. This fellowship involves a rigorous national competition that is managed by the PMF office.