

Global Health Council (GHC) Meeting

Wednesday October 22, 2015

3:30 PM

UF International Center

Attendees: Leo Villalon, Sarah McKune, Christine Ikponmwonba, Jill Sonke, Glenn Morris, Dahan Charles, Sven Norman, Manal Alabduljabbar, Abe Goldman, James Grigg, Amy Blue, Brian Reichow

Minutes

Agenda Item: Welcome and Update

Presenter: Dr. McKune

Discussion: Dr. McKune gave a preview of where GHC is at the moment with Dr. Goodenow being gone for a year. She explained that the letter developed by Dr. Goodenow and herself had been sent to President Fuchs. The letter highlighted the best way to leverage the work of GHC and also the 2014-2015 GHC report which helped summarize the events currently happening at GHC.

Questions/Comments: Dr. Villalon explained that the provost was interested in the potential for building GHC after seeing the GHC report and Dr. Maureen was following up with a meeting with the provost.

Conclusion: The GHC has reached out to the provost to discuss matters of leveraging the work at GHC and the GHC report was successfully sent out to all deans and chairs at UF.

Agenda Item: CUGH

Presenter: Dr. McKune

Discussion: Dr. McKune discussed that GHC is working on submitting an abstract for Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) conference in April of 2016. The posters presented at the conference will highlight the best practices made by GHCC and also the Pre-departure training for global health travels.

Conclusion: The UF CUGH membership is increasing and it is great to see the fruits of GHC manifesting on a national level.

Agenda Item: Symposium

Presenter: Dr. McKune

Discussion: Dr. McKune discussed about the preparation for the 2016 symposium to be held January. She explained that the structure 2016 will be different. The length and best time for the symposium were suggested by some attendees to avoid time conflicts amongst students and faculty. Though not yet concluded, the suggested topic for the 2016 symposium is Megacities.

This topic shows an idea of Global Health in an urban space in low income countries and still ties to the theme of innovations and sustainability. Suggestions were also raised for the kinds of keynote speakers to invite for the symposium and people that can help find and contact those people.

Conclusion: There will be a logistics change from last year symposium however, GHC is still working on the time, topic and selecting speakers for the 2016 symposium and needs help brainstorming keynote speakers.

Agenda Item: Case Competition

Presenters: Dr. McKune & Dahan Charles

Discussion: Dr. McKune and Dahan Charles, doctoral student and executive director of GHCC, introduced the Case Competition to be held in January. Dahan discussed his progress so far in planning for the 2015 competition. He has gotten board members for the case – a research team. He also successfully gotten GHC into the Emory International Health Case Competition in which the winning team from the GHCC will attend. Students will receive a packet with an important health issue and have 48 hours to brainstorm an innovative intervention. Following the 48-hour brainstorm period, students will have 15 minutes to present their innovation on the 23rd of January. What the GHCC committee still needs are judges, venue and great support.

Conclusion: It was one of the major objectives for GHC last year to attend the Emory International Competition and we were successfully selected to participate.

Agenda Item: Other Business

Presenter: Dr. Amy Blue & Dr. McKune

Discussion: Dr. Blue discussed some of the issues with the College of Medicine Global Health program. She explained there was feedback from some medical students who did not feel the programs were actually giving them the best practices. The COM is currently working with people to see how they can get more deliberate programs for their students and faculty and change some of the things they did in the past.

Dr. McKune highlighted that the pre-departure training by the COM has slightly expanded to be opened to other students like the public health students.

Questions/ Comments: Questions were raised about the purpose of the FBI video shown to students who are travelling on international health trips. It was suggested that the video be looked into and possibly cancelled.

Conclusion: The COM is trying to identify what better methods /global health programs in which medical students can get the best practices