

Masters of Public Health Alumni Council Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2005

Attendees: Bobbie V., Joan H., Jon B., Stephen S. (student representative)

Outstanding/Ongoing Issues:

1. Should an e-mail be sent out asking for mentors to update the new field(s)
--If so, instructions should accompany the e-mail
Action items: *An e-mail should be sent to people currently in the data base asking for 1)updates to name/contact info, 2)updates for recently added fields (specialty, etc), and 3) what type of social event they would be most likely to attend
An e-mail should be sent to recent graduates (2005) reminding them about the website and encouraging them to participate as mentors for current students*
2. We will next meet in February and we usually have a social event for this meeting – should we begin planning something now or wait until after the holidays
Action items: *We should start thinking about possible venues for a social gathering – it will probably need to occur in March so we can finalize arrangements at the February meeting
We are considering an intimate gathering of 1 alumnus and ~8-10 current students to discuss “real world” working situations and opportunities. Hopefully we can get 3-4 alumni to volunteer for this type of gathering so this can be done several times a year and applicable to a variety of students.*
3. What steps need to be taken to develop a flier to be available letting alums know about the council and its program(s). We should make this available to the department as soon as we can in order to be included with any group mailings they may send out in the near future (e.g. holiday function invitations)
Action items: *Jon is going to look into what can be prepared and work with the alumni council on finalizing these. They can be sent in mailings or handed out whenever we have any kind of alum/student event.*
4. Feedback from students regarding orientation presentation/mentoring program
- Stephen thought the program is useful and he will solicit feedback from his colleagues
5. Is this meeting held at a time that can be attended by a student representative?
-Probably
6. Alumni awards for 2006 graduation event
 - a. ~~Distinguished faculty – can we send out a group e-mail asking for nominations for faculty? Would it be better to send out a list and ask for votes? Should council members just choose for the first year (or so)?~~
 - b. Distinguished alum – how to pick?
 - c. Early career achievement – how to pick?**Action items:** *Joan, Carole, Enid and Dr. Jay will put together a list of nominees and recipients will be selected at the February council meeting*

New Issues

- The department is applying to open a new chapter of the Delta Omega honorary society. They should hear whether their application has been accepted in December and be able to induct the first “class” of members in the spring. Inductees will be selected from current students, community members, alumni and one faculty member. We look forward to hearing who is going to be selected!
- We need to set the dates for meetings in 2006
- We need people to volunteer to serve as council officers in upcoming years as we should hold elections at our next social event