

Arnold School of Public Health Reaccreditation Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 21st, 2024

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Katie Annan, Kollette Clark, Ella Ducato, Daniela Friedman, Bridget Miller, Lee Pearson (chair), Julie Smithwick, Susan Steck, Toni Torres-McGehee, Myriam Torres, and Megan Weis

Excused: Katherine DeVivo and Lisa Waddell

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Dr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 1:00 and welcomed the group to the first steering committee meeting of the academic year. He recognized Dr. Susan Steck as a new member of the committee in her role as interim Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Curriculum (replacing Dr. James Hardin). He also recognized Dr. Daniela Friedman in her added role on the committee as interim Associate Dean for Research (replacing Dr. Alan Decho). He then reviewed the timeline reminders with the group and noted milestones that were achieved over the summer. He reminded the group that the self-study report is due September 9th and that preparations for the mock and actual site visits were well underway.

The meeting provided an opportunity for committee members to reflect on the activities of the summer related to the review and revision of the self-study report. The printed copies of the final report will be mailed by August 30th in order to meet the deadline. Dr. Pearson noted that he will join Ms. Clark in briefing the Arnold School's new Dean on August 29th in order to review the self-study report highlights and prepare her for the mock site visit the following week.

The mock site visit will be conducted September 5th and 6th and will be led by Dr. Susan Emery and Ms. Sarah Donahue from UTHealth Houston School of Public Health. The agenda for the mock site visit was reviewed with the members of the reaccreditation steering committee and key aspects were discussed. The formal CEPH site visit was then discussed. The dates for that visit are October 7-9th. The site visit team members have been selected by CEPH, and the names and positions of the full five-member team were shared with the steering committee. The CEPH site visit will include those faculty and staff involved with the mock site visit as well as students, alumni and external partners. Outreach to those added individuals will begin soon.

A general discussion and wrap-up followed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25. The steering committee will meet for a final time on September 19th.