



INNOVATION FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

PHA Steering Committee Meeting Notes

1:30 - 2:30 p.m., May 24, 2017

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Conference Call - 1 866-726-3900 Guest Code: 7302893

Meeting Purpose: Share findings from PHA Annual Meeting; confirm PHA UNE leadership; strategize communication of PHA opportunity with broader UNE community; confirm leadership for next steps.

In attendance: Charles Tilburg, Bethany Woodworth, Hywda Arafat, Pam Morgan, Collyn Baeder, Zach Miller Hope, Jen Gunderman King, Alethea Cariddi

I. Sharing PHA Annual Meeting findings

- Zach Miller Hope:
 - Potential to connect PHA with UNE initiatives in Changing Food Systems (MSC, Barton Seaver, Steve Finn).
 - Potential to connect Edible Campus to PHA (J. Fox)
 - PHA platform has open education resources (case studies, syllabi, readings, videos) for anyone looking to connect their domain to planetary health.
- Hywda Arafat
 - A major theme of the meeting was to shape Planetary Health as not only an educational issue, but as a moral and ethical issue.
 - PH education should be multi-modal.
 - UNE should engage its communities in planetary health education and outreach.
- Charles Tilburg
 - The meeting sought to clearly define planetary health as distinct from environmental or public health paradigms.
 - Presentations reflected many different approaches to PH in higher education, but the focus was on graduate level initiatives.
 - UNE has a chance to lead at the undergraduate level with an intercollegiate major and minor.
 - The research of UNE students would be a great fit for the poster session at the annual meeting
- Collyn Baeder

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- Interdisciplinary nature of PH education could draw on UNE resources in HWOS, MSC, ENV, Nutrition and Medicine, as well as Political Science, Economics, Business.
- HWOS is considering a course in human health and the natural world.
- Student feedback
 - Pam Morgan noted that Caroline Wheeler (med bio major/env studies minor hoping to pursue full double major) saw a lot of opportunity for student work. PH is about taking interdisciplinary pieces and putting them together.
 - Jen Gunderman King- Meghan (PH Major) saw what she learned being applied. Able to see PH and ENV health in the big picture.
 - UNE students felt special to be there as an undergraduate and could see pathway forward.

II. Who will lead this effort?

- Suggested that the Steering Committee be chaired by faculty rather than Deans/College leadership or OSI as faculty have most immediate view of the potential impact on teaching and learning.
- Embrace the grassroots/faculty lead approach and reach across colleges.
- Steering Committee will help shape the vision for PHA partnership
 - Will expand membership as UNE resources/interests in PH surface.
 - Will bring students onto Steering Committee in Fall 2017.

III. Next Steps - Communications (Webpage, Faculty Resources, Community Announcement to Launch Webpage), Steering Committee Recruitment (Faculty and Students), UNE PH Inventory and Planning for 2018 PHA Annual Meeting.

- Zach Miller Hope (CAS) and Jenn Gunderman King (WCHP) will chair Steering Committee. Bethany Woodworth (CAS) will support.
 - Jenn Gunderman King will reach out to Cornell colleague to research their PH model.
 - Chairs will schedule next UNE PHA Steering Committee meeting for mid-July.
- UNE - PH Webpage
 - Will be housed on UNE Sustainability Website:
<http://www.une.edu/sustainability>
 - What is PH?



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- What is the PHA? Link to PHA website for faculty resources
- How is UNE engaging with PHA?
 - Trip to PHA Annual Meeting
 - Quotes from participants - why should UNE be involved in PH Education and the PHA?
 - Invitation to be involved with Steering Committee
- Community announcement and webstory to coincide with launch of page.

*Holly Parker will create Google Doc to build text for webpage
Steering Committee will write and edit text/add photos from PHA through June 30.*

*Alethea Carridi will facilitate web page implementation with Communications.
Webpage will be approved by Steering Committee in July and launched.
Holly Parker will work with Communications to publicize webpage launch.*

- Steering Committee Recruitment
 - Steering Committee Members will identify students for recruitment in July meeting.
 - Steering Committee Members will identify faculty for recruitment in July meeting.
 - New members will be invited to attend Fall 2017 meeting.
- UNE PH Inventory
 - What can we identify as planetary health that is already in our program/curriculum?
 - Build on PHA application.
 - Unite silos using the PH framework shared at PHA meeting.

*Holly Parker will share UNE PHA application on Google Docs site "Resources"
PHA meeting attendees will add PH framework image to Google Docs site "Resources"*

Steering Committee will use July meeting to begin planning inventory in Fall 2017

- Planning for 2018 PHA Annual Meeting
 - Discuss strategies and timeline in July meeting to identify applicable student research for submission to PHA for 2018 annual meeting.
 - Explore possible speaker (Dr. Frumkin - University of Washington) to kick-off UNE PH initiative.