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Public Health Graduate Student Organization  
Monday February 24, 2014  
*Allied Health Sciences Building, Room 1345, 6:30 pm*

1. Call to Order
2. Saba meeting – anyone try it last time? Feedback?
  - a. <https://de207.sabameeting.com:443/GA/main/000000fe8153000001440b0a9efca490>
  - b. Saba meeting appears to be working out well. If there are students who are experiencing issues with virtual connection to the meetings, please contact [pho@ecu.edu](mailto:pho@ecu.edu) immediately in order for us to address this issue promptly.
3. Update on NC Legal Aid Navigator Volunteers
  - a. Event!!!! Sunday, March 16, 2014 from 9-2 at Koinonia Christian Center Church in Greenville
    - i. She said we could work together and/or shadow people
4. Public Health Week – *Destiny*
  - a. For all individuals interested in being on the planning committee for National Public health week 2014 (April 7-13) please contact Destiny at [harrisd12@students.ecu.edu](mailto:harrisd12@students.ecu.edu) for more information.
5. Graduation: Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in ECHI
  - a. Send Lauren Needell your photos and song suggestions for slideshow
6. 2014-2015 PHO Exec Elections – keep sending nominations to PHO
7. April student-faculty softball game and cookout
  - a. PHO would like to host an outing of some sort with the MPH/PHO students and faculty/staff sometime in April near the end of the semester, so please be on the lookout for more information with details for this event!
8. Announcements/Other
  - a. Buddy System – *Lauren Smith*
  - b. Relay for Life – *Lana*

If you have not already, please go online at <http://www.relayforlife.org> an sign up for the ECU MPH team! Relay for life will be held on April 11, 2014 and it is

another opportunity to get those last points for graduation cords for those who still need them!

- c. Pay your Spring 2014 dues if you haven't already!
  - d. Please sign the card going around if you haven't already!
9. Thank you for your attendance faculty! We hope to see you again next month – March 31
10. Dr. Lea – NCPHA, Pro Paper.
- a. Dr. Lea's powerpoint presentation on Professional Paper is available on the OrgSync page.
  - b. A few points of advice that Dr. Lea left us with include:
    1. Start with the end in mind. Keep in mind what your end objectives are when designing and conducting your research project.
    2. Utilize the resources available to you. For example, seek help from the biostatistics department with your project and data analysis. They are available for consultations.
    3. It is perfectly acceptable to seek advice from another professor who is not your primary or content advisor. If you need help it is alright to ask.
    4. If you would like to change your advisor, you will need to contact your current advisor and his or her respective replacement to make the transition.
    5. If you would like to publish your paper, it is your responsibility (NOT YOUR ADVISOR'S) to gather all pertinent information and go about the publication process. However, it is wise to seek clarity from your advisor early on if you have questions.
    6. Remember that 6991 grades read as "incomplete" until 6992 is completed.
    7. Presentations are a day long, or 2 half-days for all students to present at the end of the semester. This year's presentations will be April 30, 2014. (location TBA)
  - c. Regarding NCPHA, the 2014 conference has been arranged by the association already to be held at the Hilton of Wilmington, NC on September 17-19. Dr. Lea is looking for students interested in presenting. If you are interested, please email her at [leac@ecu.edu](mailto:leac@ecu.edu). Presenting is a good way to show your research skills, master your public speaking skills, and network with other public health professionals.
11. Dr. Grzybowski – Intro to Database Design
- A. Dr. Grzybowski's presentation is available online on the OrgSync page.
  - B. She also offered to provide a possible seminar on database design for students if we are interested. We must let her know as soon as possible if this is something we would be interested in in the future. Please email [pho@ecu.edu](mailto:pho@ecu.edu) if interested in seeing this come into fruition.
12. Adjournment