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Public Health Graduate Student Organization
Monday, September 24, 2012
Allied Health Sciences Building, Room 1335, 5:30 pm

- 1) Call to Order: **Shamaree**
- 2) Introductions: **Skipped Intros**
 - a) Officers:
 - i) President: Shamaree Cromartie
 - ii) Vice President: Lorenzo Hopper
 - iii) Secretary: Emily Miller
 - iv) Treasurer: Ashley Ronay
- 3) New + / - Grading System: Student Opinions
 - **Shamaree:**
 - **Undergraduate College has implemented this system;**
 - **Reasoning: 10/16 schools in the UNC System use this grading scale.**
 - **Someone asked about pro's and con's; Shamaree – didn't see any pro's and con's. It appears ECU is implementing only because majority of other UNC schools have implemented.**
 - **Graduate School has not implemented yet, show of hands of who's interested or in favor of implementing this grading system in the MPH program?**
 - **0 students raised their hands; No one was in favor.**
- 4) Student Representatives needed for November 2012 Faculty Curriculum Retreat
 - **Shamaree:**
 - **Faculty wants student feedback about courses; want students to attend as representatives at the retreat in November.**
 - **Dr. Lea:**
 - **Details about retreat: Faculty wants to come up with more firm schedule of when classes will be offered (e.g., Fall, Spring, Summer); Ideas about which courses should be moved out of the epi concentration to the health administration concentration (the faculty are slowly separating concentrations); Help identify course content that's repetitive and should be new; Ideas of how to improve curriculum in general via student feedback**
 - **Dr. Novick:**
 - **Retreat will be held in the Laupus Library from 8:30 – 2:00 on November 15, 2012.**

- **Would like 5 student representative volunteers**
 - **Lorenzo asked if it mattered whether a majority were first or second year students**
 - **Dr. Novick asked for representatives from both class years**
- **Shamaree asked for students to raise hands if interested in serving as volunteers:**
 - **Annelise Rogers**
 - **Brian Rose**
 - **Megan Mertesdorf**
 - **Michaela Penix**
 - **Gerard Camargo**
 - **Leah Mayo**
 - **James Caviness**
 - **Ashley Tucker**
 - **Alexis Barnett**

5) **Community Service Project Options: Lorenzo**

- a) **Habitat for Humanity Build**
- b) **Food Drive**
- c) **Clothing Drive**
- d) **Volunteer at Greenville Boys and Girls Club**
 - **Lorenzo is going to check on Habitat for Humanity; asked members to raise hands if interested: majority raised hands**
 - **Lorenzo will get more info on the food and clothing drive as far as who we will collaborate with to organize**
 - **Boys' and Girls' Club: looking for volunteers to hand out snacks Tuesdays and Thursdays; would like to try to bring a big group; 6/7 members raised their hands indicating that they would be interested in participating in this community service event**
 - **Annelise asked what time on Tuesdays and Thursdays volunteers would be needed**
 - **Lorenzo: between 2:15 and 3:15**
 - **Volunteer opportunities will tentatively take place after Fall Break and before Thanksgiving**

6) **OrgSync: Lorenzo**

- **Quick overview of OrgSync website: www.orgsync.com**
- **PHO Board would like to start using OrgSync to communicate with the members of the group**
 - **PHO Board will start uploading agendas, minutes, and send out messages through OrgSync in the near future.**
- **Getting Started:**
 - **Login: Have to register**
 - **Search for PHO**
 - **Join group**
- **Lorenzo asked people to become a member of OrgSync and gave an overview of the PHO OrgSync site**

7) Guest Speakers

- Kim Ruiz, MPH
- Kelly Lawton, MPH
- Allison Swart, MPH (c)
- **Lorenzo introduced the guest speakers.**
- **Guest speakers' topic: Process of looking for jobs after graduation and the transition from the MPH program to the professional work force**
- **Allison Swart was unable to make attend the meeting.**

8) Course Feedback Survey: Member, Brian Rose

- **Brian explained the survey for course content and passed out to members**
- **Dr. Lea: Anonymous survey**
- **Shamaree: If members could not complete and return to Brian after the PHO meeting, feel free to drop off surveys in PHO mailbox in Hardy building or give to her to give to Brian.**

9) Announcements & Sign Card for Hayley

- **Dr. Novick: October 13 is ECU's Homecoming, the MPH Alumni Association will be tailgating with the Brody School of Medicine**
- **Shamaree recognized MPH PHO students with recent achievements**
- **Ashley Ronay made an announcement about paying dues; Shamaree and Ashley reminded members that dues money is used to fund fun activities for PHO members**
- **ARHS needs volunteers for completing the upcoming regional CHA**
- **Ms. Little needs volunteers for the Career Fair on October 11 from 10-2 at the Greenville Convention Center**
- **There is no official October meeting. PHO members are encouraged to attend the Global Soap Project presentation in Wright Auditorium on October 22, 2012.**
- **Dr. Lea announced that there were many compliments about ECU students at the NCPHA conference in New Bern and thanked students and PHO Board for extra efforts put in to the conference; Next year, the conference will be held in Asheville, NC, so first year students should start thinking about fund raising now for lodging and travel arrangements**
- **Megan Mertesdorf (member): Presented the idea of an Epi Aid Group at ECU. Students would be trained in outbreak investigation. Depending on the number of people, this group could look like a couple of different things – volunteer group, class (??), if interested, please send email to PHO.**
 - **Dr. Lea: students would need training to be involved in this group because outbreak investigation has a very specific process.**

10) Adjournment