Pitt Public Health Master’s Committee
January 27, 2016

Members Present: Linda Frank, Josh Paley, Cindy Bryce, Nancy Glynn, Martha Terry, Jeremy Martinson, Thistle Elias, Elizabeth Van Nostrand, Abigail Talbert, Ryan Minster, Candy Kammerer, Robin Leaf, Gerry Barron

Guests: Joan Anson, Marissa Kaplan

Agenda

I. Pitt Bridges Tour, Marissa Kaplan
II. Reminder: 3rd Annual Alumni Student Networking Breakfast, Marissa Kaplan
III. Update on Large Site Summer Practica/Internships, Thistle Elias, Elizabeth Van Nostrand, Robin Leaf
IV. Core Course Status Update: Fall course conclusions & Spring course beginnings, Core Course Instructors
V. Reminder: Send departmental representative names to Joanne Russell for the Global Health Working Group, Robin Leaf
VI. Reminder: Students using ACHD work for essays/theses – preceptor must be on committee, Robin Leaf
VII. Future Plans/Needs

Meeting Action Items

Pitt Bridges has been revamped to include more features, delivered in a user-friendly fashion. The presentation given by Marissa Kaplan will be posted on the MPH webpage. Faculty, staff, or students with questions should contact Joan Anson, or Marissa Kaplan.

Career Services is hosting their 3rd Annual Alumni Student Networking Breakfast on Friday, February 26. This popular event has successfully connected the Pitt Public Health community, past and present. If you are an alum who is interested in participating, or know an alum who would be interested, please contact Joan Anson, or Marissa Kaplan. Also, a one-night hotel voucher is being offered to the first five participating alumni who are traveling from 200 miles outside of Pittsburgh, as a way to entice alums from outside the area to participate.

The Practica/Internship application cycle is going well.

- Bridging the Gaps has had a great response to their cycle, and the deadline for applications is fast-approaching (Feb 3). The cycle may be extended.
• The Pittsburgh Summer Institute is also receiving a solid number of applicants. Their application deadline is January 29, which has been extended from January 22. The PSI is specifically looking to fill Air Quality opportunities, which will be based out of Lawrenceville.

• Gateway Health is looking to fill opportunities as well. Their deadline for applications is January 29. Please direct questions to Robin Leaf.

• State opportunities are controlled through the State’s portal. Their opportunities are open to other schools throughout the Commonwealth. Gerry Barron will contact the State for a status update.

Reminder – Departments need to select a representative to serve on the Global Health Working Group. Please send names to Joanne Russell.

Reminder – Per Eleanor Feingold’s email, students writing their essays or theses based on work done within ACHD, need to have their ACHD preceptor on their committee. Robin Leaf will contact Jamie Sokol at ACHD, to discuss an official policy.

Martha Terry inquired about other department’s policy toward the One Article Option for Master’s theses and essays. Please send your department’s policy/guidelines and/or examples to Martha.