Executive Leadership Committee  
Wednesday, March 21, 3:00-4:30pm  
HPNP Room 4102  
Summary

Present: Dr. M. Perri, Dr. A. Blue, Dr. S. Classen, Dr. L. Cottler, Dr. G. Hack, Dr. S. Hanson, Dr. V. Mai, Dr. A. Mainous, Dr. S. Nittrouer, Ms. J. Pease, Ms. M. Poole, Dr. C. Prins, Dr. P. Qiu, Dr. T. Sabo-Attwood, Dr. G. Smith, Ms. L. Toth, Dr. K. Vandenborne, and Ms. L. Guidi.

1. Action items follow-up
   a. Teacher-Scholar and Lecturer Positions: status of hirings – 10 of the 11 positions have been filled. The final position should have a letter of offer out within a week.

2. Instructional design update – Dr. Hack discussed ADA compliance and the need for continued proactivity regarding accessibility. Both outward and inward facing technology should be accessible. Canvas accessibility is being improved and a new tool called Ally will run in parallel with Canvas and proactively notify the user of accessibility problems. Ally will be activated in early May, after the conclusion of the Spring semester. The chairs are asked to share the information on Ally and its timing with their faculty.

3. Western Governors University audit – Dr. Hack clarified the difference between a distance course and a correspondence course. Distance courses need to have regular, substantive interactions with faculty. There must be information flowing in both directions, not just from the student to instructor or vice versa. WGU faced a problem when, during an audit, their inspector general determined that WGU primarily offered correspondence courses, not distance course. Because of this, they no longer qualified for Title IV funding. They were required to pay back those funds. UF is working with instructional designers across campus and the Provost’s office is looking at a review process for this with something in place by the next calendar year, 2019.

4. Live workshops: offerings for departmental faculty – Dr. Hack shared that the Blended learning taskforce is working on the teaching excellence program. This program is available to host workshops to discuss requested teaching excellence topics. Topics can include accessibility, student motivation techniques, team-based learning, and more.

5. MPH update – Dr. Prins reminded the group that Accepted Students Visit Day is Friday, March 23. There are 16 visiting students.

6. Faculty council update – Dr. Mai discussed filling Faculty Senate seats. There are 2 open seats and there is a need for 3 additional nominations for a full slate.

7. Staff council update – Ms. Toth shared a handout of the updates to the staff survey and asked for feedback on the changes. The next step for the information collected will depend on the type of information that is received. They will look towards process that can be implemented based on the suggestions from the survey. There was consensus that 2 weeks is an appropriate length of time for the survey to stay open.

8. Development update – Ms. Poole shared development updates: 1) the Go Greater Capital Campaign is at $3.1M for FY2018 and the PHHP capital campaign total is $13.4M, 2) the PHHP 60th
anniversary giving challenge is approaching the $10k goal, and 3) the Associate Director of Advancement search is still ongoing.

9. Media update – Ms. Pease shared information about faculty featured in the media. Dr. Glenn Smith did an interview with Wellness 360 on Alzheimer’s, ways to mitigate the disease, and how caregivers are affected. Dr. Judi Schack-Dugre did an interview with Senior Times on fall prevention in seniors. Dr. Ashish Deshmukh did an interview with the Philadelphia Inquirer on why men are more likely to get oral cancer. Dr. Russell Bauer did an interview with the Palm Beach Post on how brain surgery can affect different regions of the brain. Dr. Ira Longini was quoted in an article that appeared in Science Magazine regarding how illness can be spread on an airplane. A news release is going out on Monday about www.FindARideFlorida.org which is from Dr. Classen’s team. This is an online resource for people looking for transportation options.

10. Research update – Dr. Cottler
   a. A notice was sent from Dr. Norton’s office regarding the penalty proposal for grant deadline grants. All grants are due to Dr. Norton’s office by 9am, the day before the grant is due.
   b. Research/Public Health Day is April 6, with keynote speaker Dr. Mona Fouad presenting from 12-1pm. All chairs are asked to attend and classes should not be held during this time.
   c. Dr. Cottler provided copies of the PHHP award receivables and proposal submissions.

11. Administrative update – Dr. Perri shared new administrative updates.
   a. The group was reminded that while administrators can delegate financial responsibility, the supervisor remains ultimately responsible for the delegate’s actions.
   b. Dr. Perri shared updates on the University energy provider, OPS employees, and budget items that relate to the College. Suggestions were given on preferred budget allocation and spending.

12. Announcements – Dr. Classen announced that visiting scholar, Dr. Jessica Kramer, will be speaking on Thursday, March 22. Dr. Qiu shared that a faculty member was ranked by US News & World Report and that the Biostatistics department was ranked 20 among all Biostatistics departments. Dr. Prins shared that the MPH program is starting an MPH Alumni Seminar series in April with the first speaker, Dr. Farheen Akbar, a Health Science Analyst from NIH. Dr. Sabo-Attwood shared that one of their PhD students, also a middle school chemistry teacher, won a CDC Science Ambassador Fellowship, specifically focused on teachers. The same student was also invited to an annual meeting focused on public health trust. Dr. Cottler announced that 3 of their students have successfully defended their theses and have jobs lined up. 4 students out of 9 have already accepted for the program for the next year. They have received SHARC renewal for Dr. Robert Cook. For the most recent T32, 5 out of the 6 slots are minority or disability. Dr. Vandenborne shared that the Annual Neuromuscular Plasticity Symposium, sponsored by the T32 training grant and held at the President’s House, was a success and they sponsored 38 students. Dr. Perri recommended that other T-32 programs use this event as a model. This symposium invites top students to travel and participate in the symposium, which generates good PR and is helpful for current students. Dr. Vandenborne further shared that Dr. Mark Bishop is receiving a fellowship, Dr. Meryl Allapatu is receiving a Lucy Blair Service Award, and Dr. David Fuller was in the 11th percentile. Dr. Perri reminded the group that they should be nominating students and junior faculty for ASPPH awards.