

**Global Health Council (GHC) Meeting**

**Thursday, January 7th, 2016**

**3:30 PM**

**UF International Center**

**Attendees: Sarah McKune, Christine Ikponmwonba, James Grigg, Bahara, Mike Perri, Leo Villalon, Lenny Rhine, Elizabeth Devos, Karen Reed, Jill Sonke**

**Minutes**

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**Agenda Item: Welcome**

**Presenter: Dr. McKune & Dr. Leo**

Discussion: Dr. Leo gave a preview of his work as the Dean of the international Center in relation to being part of GHC. Dr. McKune introduced the speaker, Dr. Lenny Rhine and briefly talked about his work on getting peer reviews research on global health published.

Conclusion: General introductions of Dean and the Speaker.

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**Agenda Item: Research4Life Programs      Presenter: Lenny Rhine, Emeritus Liberian, UF**

Discussion: Dr. Rhine, gave his presentation on the Research4Life Programs - *Access to research journals and e-books in emerging and developing countries*. The presentation highlighted the need for potential UF audiences which includes UF students from the R4L eligible countries, faculties or students who have linkages with institutions, and visitors from eligible institutions. Dr. Rhine described the background of his work, eligibility requirements for the program, and the program's partners (both major publishers and program partners like HINARI) that have online portals to access information on health and related social sciences.

He went on to address the possibility of refugee camps being included as eligible partners and mentioned other available tools that can be used for researching accessible publications with journals. He showed how their current website has portals and modules to train their UF target audiences just like they have trained students in other schools. His idea behind this is that when the target UF audiences get trained here, they can then go and train other people in various countries and help get the resources sitting in offices on files on the internet. Examples of the online portals included in the presentation in addition to HINARI were; AGORA (which is for agriculture and related sciences), OARE (for environmental information), ARDI (for development and innovation research). Access to all four portals can be gotten for the sum of \$1500.

Suggestion: Is there a possibility that the training could be included to that of the medical students' Quality Training?

Conclusion: Dr. Rhine is looking for potential audiences here at UF who can be trained through his Research4life project and then sent out to go train others in countries where great research works have still not yet been put on the internet.

**Agenda Item: Symposium Update**

**Presenter: Dr. McKune**

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Discussion: Dr. McKune gave a brief update of where we have come in planning for the GHC Symposium. The previously planned date was cancelled because the two major keynote speakers we want to invite were not available on those dates. We are still focused on bringing in University of Miami's President (Julio Frenk) with the hope that his presence will also draw President Fuchs's interest. We are also working towards the possibility of making the president do the introduction when we finally have a date. However Joslyn and Dr. Glenn are working on a keynote speaker we could bring from the design field. Right now, our topic is geared towards the interactions between the built environment (architecture) and the effects on health (disease).

Conclusion: The symposium is most likely to take place during the end of the semester when the keynote speakers will be available.

**Agenda Item: GHCC Update**

**Presenter: Dr. McKune**

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Discussion: Dr. McKune gave a brief update of where we have come in planning for the GHCC which is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month. Charles, who is in charge, has done a great job so far. The registration is currently closed however we had more people who applied than we have more seats. What we still need now are judges for the day.

Suggestion: It will be good to get updates on the past year's participants and see how GHCC has helped them in their career.

Conclusion: We are right on track with the planning of GHCC however judges are still needed.

**Agenda Item: Other Business**

**Presenter: Dr. McKune**

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Discussion: There have been some concerns about the Global Health curriculum due to overlaps of courses or topics. Dr. McKune discussed how GHC can contribute towards solving this issue by serving as an information center where the Global Health courses offered by all colleges along with the syllabi can be found. This is to help professors monitor and see if any other college is offering similar courses before starting their own and causing overlaps.

Suggestions: If we need more courses to be included, there are available funds for that.

Conclusion: Due to UF's goal to increase Global health courses, there have been some overlaps of courses so GHC is trying to figure out ways we could help review the syllabi for both undergraduate and graduate courses and be a source for those available courses with a link to the sources sites.