

A3. Student Engagement

Students have formal methods to participate in policy making and decision making within the school, and the school engages students as members on decision-making bodies whenever appropriate.

- 1) Describe student participation in policy making and decision making at the school level, including identification of all student members of school committees over the last three years, and student organizations involved in school governance. Schools should focus this discussion on students in public health degree programs.

Student representatives are involved in policy and decision making at multiple levels within the college. College-wide committees with student representatives include the Public Health Policy Committee, Public Health External Advisory Committee, the Curriculum Committee, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the Teaching Excellence Committee and the Research Committee.

At the department and program levels, students are included as representatives on the faculty committee of each public health department and program. In addition, students are encouraged to participate in faculty searches within their department or program by attending candidates' seminars and interacting with candidates during student group meetings. Students also have the opportunity to provide written evaluative feedback on candidates.

| Committee | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
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| | Name | Name | Name |
| Dean's Office Public Health Policy Committee (MPH Student Representatives) | Omari Richins, BS Charlee Ford, BS | Charlee Ford, BS Tyrus Fleetwood, BS | Tyrus Fleetwood, BS |
| Public Health External Advisory Committee | N/A ¹ | Alyssa Berger, MPH (PhD in Epidemiology student) | Alyssa Berger, MPH (PhD in Epidemiology student) |
| PHP Diversity and Inclusion Committee | Meagan Sullivan, BS | Meagan Sullivan, MPH | Tyrus Fleetwood, BS |
| PHP Research Committee | Bin Yu, MD, MPH (PhD in Epidemiology student) Thomas Sutor, MS | Elena Polejaeva, MS | TBD |
| PHP Teaching Excellence Committee | Adrian Svingos, MS | Adrian Svingos, PhD, MS | Sarah Collins, MPH |
| PHP Curriculum Committee | Danielle Cooke, MS Emily Brown | Emily Brown Gaia Zori, MPH | Gregoire Lamonge, BPH Gaia Zori, MPH |

¹The inclusion of student representation on this committee began in 2019.

- 2) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for improvement in this area.

Strengths:

- Students in public health programs in PHHP are widely involved on policy and decision-making committees. These opportunities for involvement enhance interactions between students and faculty, allow students to present a diverse perspective and promote the professional development of students.

Weaknesses:

- The majority of standing committees include only one student representative, thereby limiting the student perspective to either a “public health” or “health professions” discipline.

Plans for Improvement:

- Student membership on standing committees is determined by the college Bylaws. The college will review the Bylaws for recommended changes that would support student representation from both public health and health professions disciplines.