

# **Agenda for the Third Epidemiologic Student Organization (ESO) Meeting**

*November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

12:15-1:15 pm E9519

1. Greeting from co-presidents
2. Regular officer reports
  - a. Communications
  - b. Social (Samara)
    - i) Our next event will be duck pin bowling.
    - ii) This past weekend was the first wine and cheese. We had a good turnout.
    - iii) Please contact Samara (srifkin@jhsph.edu) if you are interested in hosting a wine and cheese in the future.
  - c. Sports (Brian)
    - i) Brian reports sports are going well.
    - ii) The next sport's cycle begins over the winter intercession- this will include dodgeball.
    - iii) He also announced an upcoming co-ed football charity game sponsored by the Baltimore Sports and Social Club that the Environmental Health Student Organization has invited us to participate in. The event costs \$35 and the proceeds go to two charities. ESO may be able to subsidize a small portion. Please let him know if you are interested (bjames@jhsph.edu).
  - d. Service (Kate)
    - i) Kate has set up a meeting with the refugee organization (ERICA) Thursday Nov 9 in W3031 (12:15-1:15). This will be a brainstorming session with the director of the organization to figure out what we can do for and with them (e.g., clothing drive, health presentation).
    - ii) ESO is cosponsoring a movie event with the Latin Student network. Lauren is coordinating the event: The movie, "Salud", will be shown November 29<sup>th</sup> and there will be a discussion with the producer following the movie. The movie is about the Cuban health system. It follows Cuban doctors who have traveled all over the world to help underserved areas. Students are needed to organize the Q and A session and reception following the movie. There will also be a dinner beforehand. Lauren is looking for students to participate in the dinner and to help coordinate. Lauren will send out an email in advance requesting help.
    - iii) World AIDS day is approaching (December 1). Please think of ideas that we can do.
    - iv) Please let Kate know if there are charity events (walks or other) in which you'd like ESO to participate.
    - v) Kate is looking to organize a habitat for humanity or other activity for the spring.

3. Recap of the first Town Hall meeting (November 1, 2006) by Neha Chande (master's student rep)

Neha shared that Dr. Samet mentioned reductions in NIH funding which affects the school but that faculty continue to successfully obtain funds. Notes will be circulated from the meeting. Emily reported that the next Town Hall meeting will be held in the spring. Emily encouraged students to attend the next meeting and to bring questions.

4. Discussion of the career resources the school has to offer. Presentation from Betty Addison from Career Services
  - a. Copies of the career planner were distributed.
  - b. Ms. Addison introduced the “e-recruiting” system. Students can learn about potential internships and organizations hiring public health graduates. Work study jobs will also be posted to the system. Students can learn about employers (even if there are no current openings). There are approximately 2000 employers in the system.
  - c. Career Services provides workshops, seminars, agency presentations and road trips to organizations.
    - i) Coming up: CDC- CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship program W2017 Monday Nov 13 at 12:15. A current fellow will be available to answer questions.
    - ii) The career fair will be in March featuring approximately 50 organizations. It will be held in Feinstone and W2008. If there are employers students want to invite who are not listed in e-recruiting, please let Ms. Addison know. There are a lot of organizations that won't come to campus but hire our students (World Bank, PAHO).
  - d. Another resource is the Hopkins alumni database (Hopkins Net). It includes alumni from all over Hopkins (not just JHSPH). There are a lot of alums who hire students for internships, consultancies, part time jobs, full time jobs following graduation. If you are interested in going to a specific area, you can go to Hopkins Net to find alumni in the geographic area of your interest. Students can contact anyone listing their information in Hopkins Net. You have to register if you have never used Hopkins Net before but it's easy. It takes about 1 day to get registered in the system.
  - e. Some additional services provided by career services include resume and cover letter writing assistance, mock interviews (for jobs, medical residencies...). Career services will help you to formulate your answers. You need to make an appointment- allow an hour for mock interview appointments and about 35 minutes for resume/cover letter meetings.
  - f. There is an all day course offered in winter intercession. It's a one day course (8-6:30) – alumni to run the sessions (cover letter, resume, salary negotiation). The

day ends with an alumni panel. They will talk about their organizations, some present job descriptions. There is a question and answer period at the end. There is a \$10 fee to attend the event.

- g. Alumni networking receptions: The next one will be in the spring. Alumni meet with students in an informal wine and cheese session.
- h. If you have other ideas for activities, the career services office is open to ideas.
- i. Etiquette dinner: The last one took place last week. Someone from the International Etiquette School comes in for business card etiquette and dining etiquette (international). The event is catered by the Innovative Gourmet. The next one will be in the spring for graduating students only. These events fill up fast! The fee for this event is \$25.
- j. Business cards: The school offers business cards for a reduced rate. This year's orders have already been taken.

Fran Burman indicated that she receives a small portion of job announcements but that E-recruiting is much larger. Typically, about 120 jobs per week come through e-recruiting per week. Employers can also directly put jobs into the system.

Question from a student: When January comes around, will there be any work study money? Ms. Addison indicated that this is not her area but she can find out about this and let the student know.

Lindsay reminded students that it is not too soon to start looking for jobs.

Ms. Addison indicated that heavy recruiting takes place in January and February. Look out for CDC internship applications. Work on your CVs now and check out the career services web page. The calendar function in e-recruiting will show you deadlines for various jobs and internships. If you are looking for a summer internship, start now.

- 5. Open discussion about applying to the PhD program after the Master's program
  - a. Fran Burman and former Master's, current PhD students answered questions.
    - Question: One student asked how many students in this group were MHS students who transferred into the PhD program.
    - Question: How many students are in the PhD program each year. About 20 new students come in per year. Can only have 25 students per year in the doctoral seminar. This limits the number of new students accepted into the program.
    - Fran noted that comprehensive exam scores and grades remain current up to 3 years. If it's been longer than 3 years since graduation, the department will consider what your needs are regarding coursework.

- MPH students would need to take the comps if they want to apply to the PhD program.
- Question about acceptance rate for MHS to PhD versus outside candidates: Students with a strong academic record and good recommendation have about a 90% acceptance rate if there is space.
- Edwina shared some advice given to her: It is good to show that you have a good, clear statement of research in your application. State the faculty with whom you want to work.
- EPI does not require interviews for MHS to PhD applicants. Students must submit letters of recommendation (1 from advisor). MPHers need one recommendation from advisor and one from capstone supervisor. The department will accept additional letters. There is no need to resend GRE and transcripts.
- Question about applying for PhD in a different department: Fran suggests talking with academic coordinators in other departments.
- No application fee if you apply directly from MHS to PhD. If you take time off, you have to pay.
- If you have additional questions, feel free to write to ESO (eso@jhsph.edu).

November 17 is the next open house. Emily and Lindsay will represent the school at the information fair. Please come to the happy hour for the dept. E6519

Description of the annual Christmas party skit and the first-year students' role.

## 6. Adjournment