

CAP's Final Recommendation on Public Health Program Proposals

TO: Steering Committee
FROM: Committee on Academic Programs
RE: Public Health Program Proposals
DATE: April 27th, 2015

Background:

On April 1st, Steering sent CAP a charge regarding proposals for an undergraduate major in Public Health and a post-baccalaureate and post-master's certificate program in Public Health.

Charge:

Steering forwarded the proposal for the graduate certificate in Public Health to GPC directing that GPC review the proposal and forward their recommendation to CAP. It also asked CAP to directly review the undergraduate major in Public Health and "consider whether there are any units that might be affected by the proposal that have not been consulted and whether the proposal is consistent with the College's mission." Steering also noted that CAP did not need to solicit testimony on this charge.

Final Recommendation:

CAP reviewed the undergraduate proposal and noted that emails from the Deans of the schools that would be impacted by the major and graduate certificate had been included. These emails indicated support for the proposed programs. Professor Matthew Hall, chair of the Graduate Programs Council also forwarded an email to CAP that indicated that GPC "would like to recommend the program be approved." GPC also noted that "we believe the program meets critical needs both locally and nationally." CAP also believes the proposed undergraduate major in Public Health is consistent with the College's mission. As such, CAP approves the proposed major in Public Health and affirms that this part of the approval process has been fulfilled. CAP also affirms that GPC has approved the proposed graduate certificate in Public Health.