January 22, 2010

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Attn: Jeffrey Bethel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Letter of Support for MPH 6036:

Dear Dr. Bethel:

The Office of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Education is glad to support the proposed MPH 6036 Fundamentals in Agromedicine. Drs. Clay and Greer attended the recent educational workshop from which the materials are based and Dr. Greer is now certified. Drs. Clay and Greer teach interdisciplinary rural health through the MPH and IRHE programs and feel strongly that the proposed curriculum is in keeping with the mission of East Carolina University and Brody School of Medicine.

Should the MPH program determine a need for a Rural Health Certificate we would welcome the opportunity to include our IRHE 6100 Consulting Team course for inclusion. Please let us know if we can assist with teaching any lectures or in the future development of the Rural Health curriculum.

Sincerely,

Annette G. Greer, PhD, MSN, RN
Assistant Clinical Professor and Co-Director
Office of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Education
Dear Lloyd,

We support your new course proposal – Fundamentals in Agromedicine (MPH 6036). There are no overlaps with our courses in the MS Occupational Safety Program.

Good Luck,

Hamid

Hamid Fonooni, Ph.D., CPE  
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Hamid-- As the notes below indicate, we are requesting an email from you expressing support for a new course in agromedicine. Your email of support would be part of our application to the GCC. Will you be able to provide this. Much appreciated, lloyd

Lloyd F. Novick, MD, MPH  
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From: Bethel, Jeffrey  
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 9:27 AM  
To: Novick, Lloyd  
Cc: Tutor, Robin  
Subject: FW: Agromedicine Course
Dr. Novick,

I am requesting letters/emails of support from a few units across campus regarding the proposed MPH 6036 – Fundamentals in Agromedicine course. The Department of Technology is requesting you email its chair (Dr. Hamid Fonooni) directly requesting support (see email below). He will reply via email and we can simply print the email and use as documentation for our submission to GCC.

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I am contacting all units that may be affected by this new course to inquire whether it conflicts with courses in the their departments. We are requesting a letter or email from you providing support for the course and a statement that it does not significantly overlap with any of your department’s existing courses.

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Jeff - Our Dept Chair says the request needs to come via email from your Chair and then a simple response email from our Chair (Hamid Fonooni) is sufficient. Hamid, copied on this email, is on the GSAB and has insight into the process. Sound good?

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From: Behm, Michael  
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 9:16 AM  
To: Bethel, Jeffrey; Kelley, Timothy  
Cc: Tutor, Robin; Fonooni, Hamid  
Subject: RE: Agromedicine Course  

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Mike

From: Bethel, Jeffrey  
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 9:15 AM  
To: Behm, Michael; Kelley, Timothy  
Cc: Tutor, Robin  
Subject: Agromedicine Course  

Mike and Tim,

Just a heads up that I need to start routing process for the proposed Agromedicine course by 2/8 in order to secure signatures and submit to GCC by 2/17/10. Can you send me the letters of support (and stating no significant overlap) from your respective departments by Friday?

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!
Jeff

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Dear Dr. Bethel,

I am writing on behalf of the faculty in the Department of Health Education and Promotion to extend our support for the course, MPH 6036: Fundamentals in Agromedicine. The course fills an important need on campus and does not significantly overlap with courses offered in the Department, including those offered in the Environmental Health Sciences Program. We wish you well with the course and appreciate you contacting us about it.

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