Informational Items
MEMORANDUM

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RE: Exception for SOPH 680 as an S/U course

The School of Public Health has realized that several of our courses are not in compliance with the grading stipulations of Student Rule 10.14. The majority of these course changes have been approved. However, we understand that we should address one course in particular with the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.

We are seeking an exception to allow the SPH to continue to offer SOPH 680: Public Health Capstone as S/U only. The current course description will remain unchanged:

SOPH 680. Public Health Capstone. (3-0). Credit 3. In this course, students will integrate the knowledge and skills gained through other courses and experiences at SPH, allowing them to understand both the overall public health problem-solving approach and the contributions of each discipline to that approach. Students work in groups to analyze public health problems and develop interventions. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade option only. Prerequisites: Four of the five SPH core courses (PHEB 600, PHEB 602, PHEO 600, PHPM 605, HPCH 603 are prerequisites for this class, and the fifth core course may be taken concurrently. Instructor approval is also required.

I appreciate your advice on the best way to proceed with our request for an exception. Thanks.
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