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### Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to offer a minor in Public Health will be an agenda item for the February 12, 2010, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc:

Professor Jere W. Morehead

Dr. Laura D. Jolly



College of Public Health

January 22, 2010

University Council Curriculum Committee University of Georgia

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached a proposed new minor in Public Health. The minor was formulated by a subcommittee representing all units in the College of Public Health (CPH) and was presented to the CPH faculty for comment on our regularly scheduled faculty meeting on October 23, 2009. It has received approval by the College of Public Health's Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee. We present it to the UC Curriculum committee for review and approval.

Public health is a rapidly growing field as evidenced by an increasing number of undergraduate majors and minors across the country. The Association of American Colleges and University recently reported that 137 of their 837 member institutions have majors or minors in Public Health. However, the CDC report Healthy People 2020 recommends an increase in undergraduate public health majors and minors to help meet future public health challenges. The University of Georgia's College of Public Health is poised to meet these challenges with the proposed minor in public health. This minor will be a natural accompaniment to many established UGA bachelor's degrees leading to careers in medicine, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, social work, public administration, law, health communication, health education and others. Education in public health is also a valued-added commodity to any degree, providing an educated citizenry equipped to understand and make informed decisions relative to contemporary public health issues, such as the H1N1 pandemic and HIV-AIDS. No other USG institution was identified to have a public health minor. We hope to have this minor in place for Fall 2010.

Please feel free to contact me if any questions arise.

Sincerely,

Joel M. Lee, DrPH

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

# **Public Health Minor (15-16 hours)**

## Requirements:

- A minor must contain at least 9 hours of upper division course work (3000-level or above).
- Courses taken in Core Areas I-V may not be counted as course work in the minor.
- Courses taken in core area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.

## Required Course: 3 hours

PBHL 3100 (3 h)

Note: If PBHL 3100 is not the initial course taken for the minor. Students have the option of replacing it with a 3-hour upper division course (3000-level or higher) in BIOS. EHSC. EPID, HPRB, or PBHL or by taking an additional course from the list below.

## Choose four courses from the following: (12-13 h)

(4 h)
(3 h)
(3 h)
(3 h)
(3 h)

A minimum grade of "C" (2.0) is required for all courses applied to the minor.