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Subject: RE: Economics 8856 Health Economics Concurrence per College of Public Health
Date: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 9:56:30 AM
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Thank you for your reply, Professor Miyazaki. Best wishes for a successful course and your PhD program.

Mike



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From: Miyazaki, Hajime
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 5:04 AM
To: Bisesi, Michael
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Subject: Economics 8856 Health Economics Concurrence per College of Public Health

Dear Professor Bisesi: Thank you very much for your concurrence email below sent to my colleague, Kurt Lavetti. I am grateful to receive a concurrence from College of Public Health, the most relevant unit on campus to the proposed course in health economics. Our chair's email to the College of Public Health requesting possible concurrence went out in September, and I was thinking of asking if your College had a chance to consider it for us. I very much appreciate your communicating it with Kurt. We are hoping to offer Kurt's Health Economics course, Economics 8856, in Spring 2017. The course proposal is in process at the college curriculum committee and I would like to add your concurrence to it as a supporting document right away.

We see no problem in honoring your condition about prerequisite. The course proposal specifies two courses as its prerequisites, Economics 8712 and Economics 8731, both of which are a part of the core curriculum requirements to our own PhD students. Economics 8712 is the second course in the four-course two-semester sequence in microeconomic theory and Economics 8731 the first course in the two-semester sequence in econometrics. Besides our own PhD students, the regular subscribers to these core sequences are PhD students in Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics (AEDE), the program that has always required our core microeconomics and econometrics as part of their own PhD requirements. Some AEDE PhD students take our advanced field courses, and they are the only non-economics students to do so. To be complete, I should hasten to mention that a few students from Finance, Accounting, and Political Science PhD programs take our PhD core sequence in microeconomics and econometrics as part of their own PhD training, but they have never taken any field course in applied microeconomics where the proposed health economics course belongs.

Kurt has offered this graduate course in health economics as a group experimental study 8194 for three years; its subscribers have been only our own PhD students (numbering 4-6) and AEDE PhD students (numbering 3-4) in their second or third years. Kurt's health economics course is a field affiliated with our labor economics field, and intersects empirical industrial organization field. Labor economics courses have the same

prerequisites 8712 and 8731 as the proposed health economics. Only our own and AEDE PhD students can meet stipulated course prerequisites to our field courses in applied microeconomics. This is for our benefit because we use these advance field courses as gateway courses to PhD level research in economics. We keep the phrase "or instructor permission" in many of our graduate field courses to consider a rare case in which an exceptional request comes for a student recommended by a DGS of a PhD program that normally does not have its student take our core micro and econometrics courses.

We thus see no problem to uphold your request about the course prerequisite to Economics 8856 Health Economics. Our stipulated course prerequisites will limit enrollments to economics and AEDE PhD students in their second year or above. Please let me know if there is any aspect I was not quite clear about or had not adequately answered. I apologize that I myself failed to contact you and your colleagues earlier. Allow me to rectify my shortcoming in this regard by standing to receive any comment or question you might have. Best Regards,

Hajime Miyazaki, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Economics, OSU

Rick Tobin in the cc: row is our graduate program coordinator.

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From: **Bisesi, Michael** <bisesi.12@osu.edu>

Date: Mon, Nov 7, 2016 at 11:14 AM

Subject: CourseConcurrence

To: "Lavetti, Kurt J." <klavetti@gmail.com>

Cc: "Wickizer, Thomas" <wickizer.5@osu.edu>, "Seiber, Eric" <seiber.7@osu.edu>, "Xu, Wendy" <xu.1636@osu.edu>

Kurt,

Regarding below, I have heard back from applicable faculty/Chair from the Division of Health Services Management and Policy in the College of Public Health and they support your concurrence request to move forward with the proposed 8000-level Health Economics course. However, one request is that the course description and/or prerequisite specify that the course is for PhD Economics students.

Thank you.



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From: klavetti@gmail.com [<mailto:klavetti@gmail.com>] On Behalf Of Kurt Lavetti

Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 3:35 PM

To: Seiber, Eric

Subject: Re: Course concurrence

That would be really helpful, thanks!! Here is the syllabus that was submitted with the concurrence request.

Kurt

On Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 3:06 PM, Seiber, Eric <seiber.7@osu.edu> wrote:

Kurt,

They usually forward the health econ items on to me later in the process, but all official approvals are by

associate dean, Mike Bissesi. We just had our accreditation site visit, and everything has been at a standstill for months as we prepped for that.

Do you have a copy of the original request? If you can, send it to me, and I'll bring it to his attention.

Eric

From: klavetti@gmail.com [mailto:klavetti@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Kurt Lavetti

Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 2:58 PM

To: Seiber, Eric

Subject: Re: Course concurrence

Hi Eric, I hope you're doing well! By any chance, are you still involved with the course concurrences for Public Health? I thought the paperwork for my proposed 8000 level course in Health Economics had been submitted last Fall, but apparently that's not the case and the director of graduate studies is seeking concurrences now. I'm hoping to teach the class this spring, and would greatly appreciate the support of Public Health if possible. If not, please let me know if there are questions or concerns with the proposal.

Best,

Kurt