Division of Epidemiology and Community Health

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ADMINISTRATIVE HUB

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee within the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health promotes a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment for all faculty, staff, and students. The committee's work is essential in fostering a culture of respect, understanding, and belonging, and it plays a key role in ensuring that the division's values align with its practices.

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FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) supports and advises the division head. The committee is a vital link between the faculty and the division head, ensuring that faculty perspectives are considered in divisional leadership and that the division operates smoothly and effectively.

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OPERATIONS TEAM

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Postdoctoral fellows are integral to the academic and research excellence of the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health. The co-leads of the group of postdocs will collaborate to foster a supportive and dynamic environment for their peers. This role involves providing leadership, mentoring, and facilitating professional development activities within the division.



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RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES TEAM

The Research Support Services Team (RSST) assists faculty engaged in research activities. The team ensures that researchers have the resources, guidance, and administrative support to conduct high-quality studies effectively and efficiently.



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Committee Summary Division of Epidemiology and Community Health

Committee:	Administrative HUB	Community Building Task Force (CBTF)	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)	Division Training Committee (DTC)	Faculty Executive Committee (FEC)	Operations (OPS)	Research Committee (RC)	Research Support Services Team (RSST)
Status:	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Chair/Lead:	Division Administrator (Liz Hinske)	Director of Programming and Strategic Initiatives (Colleen Flattum) and Facilities and Operations Manager (Ginger Hughes)	Chair, full professor (Weihong Tang), Division Staff, Colleen Flattum, Division Student Services Staff (Marlin Farley)	Chair, Associate Division Head of Education (ADE), full professor (Ellen Demerath)	Interim Division Head (Lisa Harnack)	Division Administrator (Liz Hinske)	Chair, full professor (Darin Erickson)	Research Project Specialist (Sarah Friend)
Term Length:	Fixed and tied to the position(s)	Fixed and tied to the position(s)	Three years for chair; fixed and tied to the position for staff members	Three years for chair; two years for Program Directors	Fixed and tied to the position; members for two years, except DEI, DTC, and RC chairs (three years)	Fixed and tied to the position(s)	Three years for the chair; two years for members; staff positions fixed and tied to the position	Fixed and tied to the position(s)
How are members selected (elected, appointed, volunteer, other)	Tied to the position and members tied to their positions	Tied to the position; members volunteer; announcement to Epiall to join in the fall of each year	Appointed by Division Head; members volunteer/ express interest	Appointed by the Division Head	Elected positions for Assistant, Associate, Full Professor, and Member-At- Large; elections held in late summer	Tied to the position	Appointed by Division Head; members volunteer/ express interest	Tied to the position(s)
Is the membership selections process/ procedure document?	Yes, included in job descriptions	Yes, included in job descriptions	Yes, included in the DEI Committee description	Yes, included in DTC Guidebook	Yes, included in the FEC description	Yes, included in job descriptions	Yes, included in the Research Committee description	Yes, included in job descriptions

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