

April 19, 2024

To: Hilary Godwin, Dean, School of Public Health

From: Joy Williamson-Lott, Dean of the Graduate School

Kima Cargill, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Graduate School




RE: Review of the Program in Health Management and Informatics (2023 – 2024)

This memorandum outlines the Graduate School's final recommendations from the Health Management and Informatics (HMI) academic program review. Detailed comments on the review can be found in the documents that were part of the following formal review proceedings:

- Charge meeting between review committee and administrators (August 21, 2023)
- Self-Study (September 15, 2023)
- Site visit (October 19-20, 2023)
- Review committee report (November 17, 2023)
- HMI response to the report (January 22, 2024)
- Graduate School Council consideration of review (March 7, 2024)

The review committee consisted of:

- **Zoe Barsness**, Associate Professor and MBA Program Director, Milgard School of Business, University of Washington Tacoma (committee chair)
- **Crystal C. Hall**, Associate Professor, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington
- **Lan'Tejuana Cooper**, Division Director and Associate Professor, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Division of Health Informatics and Information Management
- **Emily Harris**, Clinical Instructor, Department of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, Tulane University

The Program in Health Management and Informatics (HMI) includes the following degree programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Health Information Management (HIHIM)
- Master of Health Informatics and Health Information Management (MHIHIM)
- Master of Health Administration (MHA)
- Executive Master of Health Administration (MHA)

Hilary Godwin, Dean of the School of Public Health, Neil Sehgal, Associate Professor and Director of the Master of Health Administration programs, Karima Lalani, Assistant Teaching Professor and Director of the Health Informatics and Health Information Management programs, and Megha Ramaswamy, Professor and Chair, Department of Health Systems and Population Health attended a Graduate School Council meeting to discuss outcomes from the review. The Council reviewed all documents from the review prior to the meeting.

Graduate School Council Recommendations

The Graduate School Council commends the Program in Health Management and Informatics (HMI) on the strength of its programs, faculty, and students. After discussion, the Council recommended the following:

- Next full review of the program in eight years (2031-2032)
- Submission of an interim report to the Graduate School in three years (2026-2027) providing an update on progress or plans to address the following issues discussed in the committee report:
 - Organizational and governance structures
 - Tuition-based vs fee-based program model

We concur with the Council's recommendations.

cc: Tricia Serio, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
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