

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

MEMORANDUM
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From: Daniel N. Aloj, Ph.D. *Daniel M. Aloj*
Chair, Senate Budget Review Committee (SBRC)

Subject: SBRC Decision on New M.S. in Public Health Program Proposal

The SBRC **does not support** the budget in the M.S. in Public Health program proposal because its cost-to-revenue ratio (90%) is too high. Comparatively, this ratio is significantly higher than the overall cost-to-revenue ratio for the existing programs within the School of Health Sciences, based on FY2013 budget data. The overall cost-to-revenue ratio for the entire School of Health Sciences is approximately 44%.

The SBRC feels the proposed expenditure budget for the MPH program is too rich in the following areas as specified below:

1. 3 Faculty Line Requests

- a. The rationale for the 3 faculty line requests was based on requirements for this program to receive accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The cited text in the Budget Justification only refers to a program having adequate coverage across various public health disciplines. The SBRC feels the use of part-time faculty could be explored as an option to create the necessary faculty complement.

2. 1 Full-time administrative position

- a. A full-time administration person (i.e. 2080 man-hours per annum) is excessive for a single M.S. program with a projected enrollment of 36 students after 5 years. The SBRC is adamant that the administrative position is unnecessary and redundant when one considers that a coordinator position is already contained in the budget.

The SBRC feels that an M.S. in Public Health program at Oakland University could be a great addition but can't endorse it based on the current expense estimates required to operate the program, particularly the items noted above.