Dean’s task force on diversifying our educational portfolio

Charge. The Dean’s Task Force on diversifying our educational portfolio will develop guidance and recommendations on how we can best diversify our educational portfolio beyond the current scope of programs that we offer at BUSPH. The task force arises from the observation that we are currently more reliant on the MPH than all of our other peer institutions. We have, as a school, invested in creating a best-in-class MPH, attracting outstanding students from all over the world and have led the field intellectually in shaping pedagogy around the MPH. Now that the MPH is well established it is time for us to consider refining and developing other programs that can supplement our MPH, providing alternative educational paths for our students, and creating opportunities for our faculty to engage in teaching outside the MPH. This will likely involve centrally an expansion around our MS programs, but also will tackle questions about how we move our doctoral training to the next level. A future oriented suite of educational programs will require an engagement around a range of educational offerings using multiple modalities, including in-person and digital teaching, and it is expected that the task force will tackle both content of our educational programs and also mode of delivery. Importantly the task force will aim to consider how we can innovate, how we can distinguish ourselves from our peers, and how we can offer a competitive suite of educational programs in the coming decade. The task force therefore will collect and review evidence and draft recommendations, as appropriate, on how we may best elaborate on our educational program. The Task Force will deliver to the Dean two brief reports with recommended guidance on the timeline noted below. The Dean will consider the recommendations in consultation with the Governing Council in mid 2019. It is anticipated that the Education Committee will be the leading implementation group to follow through on the Task Force’s recommendations.
**Timeline.** The Task Force will launch in November 2018 and will run through April 2019. Recommendations on MS programs will be delivered to the Dean in January 2019 and recommendations on doctoral programs will be delivered to the Dean in May 2019.