

**Notice of Meeting**

**Wednesday, Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building**

**Agenda**

- 1. Chair's Remarks**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of September 13, 2017**
- 3. Business arising from the minutes**
- 4. Dean's Remarks**
- 5. Overview of 2017-18 Faculty Budget**
- 6. Senator's Report**
- 7. Other Business**

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Wednesday, November 1, 2017

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**All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

**Faculty of Health  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
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**Minutes**

**Attendance:** L. Beagrie, A. Belcastro, Y. Bohr, J. Choiniere, C. Da Silva, M. Dastjerdi, H. Edgell, J. Goldberg, M. Hamadeh, W. Heinrichs, M. Herbert, S. Hoffman, R. Jamnik, E. Jensen, P. McDonald, B. Meisner, G. Myers, B. Pilkington, R. Pillai Riddell, R. Rubbio, P. Safai, N. Stuckless, M. Wiktorowicz.

**Adobe Connect attendance:** C. Ardern, R. Bassett-Gunter, J. MacDonnell, A. Moore, E. Schraa, C. van Daalen-Smith.

**Guests:** R. Bishop, J. Castle, F. Clarke, J. Hard, S. Pereira, A. Pitt, L. Sadhwani, S. Whitaker.

**1. Chair's remarks**

Interim Chair H. Edgell welcomed Council members. She thanked past Chair of Council, Heather Jenkin for chairing the March, April and May Council meetings. She also thanked past committee members for their work and accomplishments.

She reminded Council members and guests to sign the attendance book and note dates and time of upcoming Council meetings.

This year, Council will continue to pilot Adobe Connect thus allowing those who are off-site to participate at meetings. The Adobe Connect link will be circulated with Council material.

Members of Council were encouraged to raise name cards when voting and use microphones when addressing Council.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting May 3, 2017**

Associate Dean P. Safai moved, seconded by Professor L. Beagrie, that the minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting of Council be approved.

The motion carried.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Dean's Remarks**

Dean McDonald welcomed returning and new faculty and staff. He noted that Dr. J. Orbinski has been named as the inaugural Director of the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research. Additionally, he announced that Dr. S. Hoffman had been appointed to the School of Health Policy and Management and Osgood Law School. Dr. Hoffman will be a Faculty of Health nominee in the upcoming competition for a Tier I Canada Research Chair. As the Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute for Population and Public Health, Professor Hoffman has also relocated the office of the Institute to York University. This is the first time York has hosted a CIHR Institute.

Dean McDonald provided an update on the Strategic Mandate Agreement noting that the University and Faculty of Health will focus on growing the 1) graduate domestic population and 2) undergraduate and graduate international population.

He highlighted Faculty appointment approvals for July 1, 2018 and noted that that Schools/Department will

undertake searches. Similarly, he stated that the search for an Associate Dean, Students, is underway and that an announcement will be circulated in upcoming months. He reminded members that the Associate Dean, Students, among other responsibilities, will also focus on developing ways to improve recruitment, retention, student success and experience, as well as alumni relations.

Dean McDonald thanked the Office of Communications and Planning for spearheading regular media briefs. The media briefs are intended to enhance Health's profile, capture the excellent work of faculty members, and build stronger external relations. He encouraged Chairs/Director and faculty to connect with the Office to identify exciting new stories.

Dean McDonald recounted that Health's vision, mission, values and brand was developed in 2006 and encouraged faculty, staff and students to engage in refreshing Health's vision, mission, values and brand. He noted that he will work with the Executive and Planning Committee to develop an engagement and consultation strategy.

In concluding his remarks, Dean McDonald invited faculty, staff and students to partake in Faculty initiatives including:

- Renewing Health's brand;
- Refreshing and developing new academic programs;
- Improving student experience and success;
- Enhancing research intensification and impact;
- Engaging with governance structures; and
- Bettering resources, reputation and work environment.

Interim Chair H. Edgell welcomed comments and questions from the floor of Council.

Professor L. Beagrie, Chair of Senate, conveyed greetings from Senate and encouraged faculty to utilize Faculty Council and other governance platforms to mobilize knowledge and represent the interest of the academy.

Professor R. Bassett-Gunter noted that Health's/York's brand should capture York's commitment to supporting student mental health.

#### **5. Council feedback to Provostial search committee**

Dr. A. Pitt, Vice-Provost Academic, and Dean McDonald noted that a search for Vice-President Academic & Provost is underway and Odgers Berndtson has been contracted to support the search.

Vice-Provost Academic Pitt explained that the Presidential Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the President and the President will make a recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Dean McDonald noted that the Committee is working on a position profile and Council members were asked to comment on the opportunities and challenges for the next Provost as well as qualification to be sought in prospective candidates. Specifically, members were asked to comment on the following questions:

- What are the opportunities and challenges facing York University over the next five years?
- What are your aspirations for York University in that timeframe?

- What qualifications should be sought in candidates (in terms of leadership style, academic credentials, background, and experience)?
- Are there individuals you would like to recommend for the position?

Council members recommended that the position profile should require the candidate to be positioned to:

- Address research intensification, have leadership in the area of research and should support research
- Respect differentiation
- Challenge the status quo and lead the University into the future
- Invest in capital and improve physical plant.

In terms of qualification, members suggested:

- An indigenous thought leader
- A leader who understands and respects York's increasing focus on supporting student mental health

Dean McDonald noted that additional comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Odgers Berndtson.

## **6. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee**

Professor A. Belcastro delivered the Executive and Planning report and called for nominations to serve as a Vice-Chair of Council, a Health Senator and a Petitions Committee 'at large' representative.

Interim Chair Edgell asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice-Chair. There being no nominations from the floor, the position of Vice-Chair of Council will remain vacant until filled.

Interim Chair Edgell asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Faculty of Health Senator. It was noted that Professor M. Hamadeh had emailed an expression of interest prior to Council. Seeing no additional nominations from the floor, Professor M. Hamadeh was acclaimed for a three year term of office commencing, January 1, 2018 and concluding June 30, 2020.

Interim Chair Edgell asked for nominations from the floor of Council for the position of the 'at-large' position on the Petitions Committee.

Council members were reminded that the two members elected 'at large' shall not be from the same School/Department. Hala Tamim, School of Kinesiology & Health Science is one of the 'at large' members. Seeing no nominations from the floor the Petitions Committee 'at-large' position will remain vacant until filled.

Expressions of interest can be emailed to Lavina Sadhwani.

Professor A. Belcastro concluded the report by noting that the Executive and Planning Committee did not meet during June, July or August and was not required to exercise the summary authority granted to it by Council in May 2017.

## **7. Senator's Report**

Senator R. Pillai Riddell summarized both the May 25 and June 15, 2017 meetings of Senate.

At the May 25, 2017 meeting of Senate, President M. Shoukri thanked outgoing Deans for their dedication and contributions.

Dr. J. Katz received the prestigious Distinguished Research Professor Award.

At the June 15, 2017 meeting, Senate paid tribute to President M. Shoukri for his tenure and service to York University and welcomed President R. Lenton.

Senator R. Pillai Riddell noted that former Chancellor A. Bennett passed away.

Professor N.S. Fisher-Stitt will be the interim Dean, Arts, Media, Performance and Design and, similarly, Professor R. da Costa has been named the interim Dean for Environmental Studies.

Senate approved in principle the establishment of a new Faculty comprising of the Faculty of Environmental Studies, Department of Geography, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, and potentially other units or programs.

Council members were encouraged to review the revised Senate Policy on Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities.

Senate approved recommendations from the Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee to establish a Specialized Honours BFA Program in Intermedia, Departments of Computational Arts and Visual Arts & Art History, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design and, secondly, establish Graduate Degree Programs in Digital Media, School of the Arts, Performance, Media & Design / Lassonde School of Engineering / Faculty of Graduate Studies. Both initiatives are subject to approval by the Quality Council.

Nicole Marie Racine, Graduate Program in Psychology

(Clinical-Developmental) received the Governor General's Gold Medal.

Under the auspices of the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, Interim Vice-President Academic and Provost Lisa Philipps presented a year-end report focusing on how the Institutional Integrated Resource Plan relates to University academic priorities. APPRC also facilitated a report on the budget context for academic planning by Interim Vice-President Finance and Administration Trudy Pound-Curtis. Members were encouraged to review information and presentations posted on the Senate website.

## **8. Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned.

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R. Bishop, Secretary