

**York University  
Faculty of Health Council**

**Notice of Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018  
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

**164 Behavioural Science Building**

**Agenda**

- 1. Chair's Remarks**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of March 7, 2018**
- 3. Business arising from the minutes**
- 4. Dean's Remarks**
- 5. Presentation: Calumet & Stong @ 2020 Annual Update**
- 6. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee**
- 7. Senator's Report**
- 8. Other Business**

Faculty of Health meetings support our mission to provide an innovative and supportive environment for learning, discovery and engagement. To ensure our common value of diversity is fully reflected, our events, publications and meetings make every effort to be accessible to all.

**2017-2018 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm–4:30pm, Senate Chamber, N940  
Ross Building:  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018**

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

**Faculty of Health  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** C. Ardern, L. Beagrie, J. Choiniere, J. Connolly, C. Da Silva, M. Dastjerdi, H. Edgell, M. Fallah, J. Goldberg, W. Heinrichs, M. Herbert, S. Hoffman, L. Hynes, V. Jamnik, L. Lum, J. MacDonnell, P. McDonald, B. Meisner, A. Moore, M. Morrow, G. Myers, R. Nariani, J. Orbinski, K. Page-Cuttrara, A. Perry, B. Pilkington, J. Rawana, N. Richardson, R. Robbio, P. Safai, N. Stuckless.

**Adobe Connect attendance:** R. Bassett-Gunter, O. Birot, M. Fox, E. Jensen, E. Schraa, M. Singh.

**Guests:** R. Bishop, F. Clarke, B. Edwards, R. Haché, J. Hard, L. Sadhwani, S. Whitaker.

**1. Chair's remarks**

Chair N. Richardson welcomed Council members and reminded Council members and guests to sign the attendance book and note dates and time of upcoming Council meetings. She also encouraged faculty to contribute to future Media Briefs by informing F. Clarke of upcoming events, research, publications etc.

Chair N. Richardson encouraged members of Council to review material pertaining to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies / Associate Vice-President Graduate search and submit comments and suggestions to Marla Chodak ([mchodak@yorku.ca](mailto:mchodak@yorku.ca)).

**2. Minutes of the Meeting February 7, 2018**

Prof. H. Edgell moved, seconded by Prof. J. Orbinski, that the minutes of the February 7, 2018 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 acknowledged the CUPE 3903 labour disruption and thanked faculty, staff and students for their cooperation, good will and patience. He noted the importance of collegial dialogue in building consensus.

Dean McDonald reminded the collegium to be mindful of the challenges students face and noted that labour disruptions can be worrisome to students. He thanked faculty and staff for reaching out to students and for providing a supportive environment.

**5. Strategic Research Plan**

R. Haché, Vice-President Research & Innovation (VPRI), presented the Strategic Research Plan. VPRI Haché highlighted that consultations regarding the Strategic Research Plan (SRP) have been underway since Fall 2017 and will continue until April 2018.

The draft plan captures previous areas of scholarship and highlights the future direction of the Institution. The challenge was to unify the plan and promote interdisciplinarity such that research is fostered. Furthermore, the SRP is linked to the current Strategic Mandate Agreement II and the 2015-2020 University Academic Plan.

VPRI Haché highlighted research strengths and noted the following six research opportunities:

- Digital Cultures
- Indigenous Futurities
- Public Engagement for a Just & Sustainable World
- Healthy Individuals, Healthy Communities & Global Health
- Integration of Artificial Intelligence into Society

He noted that Indigenous Futurities is a new area of focus and the term 'futurities' needs to be defined and introduced as the topic of indigenous scholarship is discussed. The second new area is Integration of Artificial Intelligence into Society, which will look at development and impact and provide a broader perspective including impacts on humanity and society, in addition to the core technology and questions around technology adoption. He also commented that the Plan will emphasize global health.

Chair N. Richardson invited comments and questions from the floor of Council.

It was noted that the draft SRP makes reference to 'patients' and a medical school. The term 'patient' represents a power difference and does not promote health equity. Secondly, a medical school may influence the direction of the Faculty and/or University.

VPRI Haché noted that the long-term ambition of a York medical school has been expressed within several institutional planning documents including the University Academic Plan and Strategic Mandate Agreement II.

## **6. Senate Policy on Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

F. van Breugel, Chair of Senate Sub-Committee on Equity, and L. Beagrie, Chair of Senate, presented Senate Policy

on Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities.

It was noted that the Policy was amended and approved by Senate in July 2017 and that the Sub-Committee on Equity is looking to further refine the Policy, specifically around guidelines, procedures and definitions.

The presenters reiterated that the Policy expects students to satisfy essential learning outcomes associated with courses and that the Policy will continue to support and preserve academic integrity of the curriculum and academic standards of courses and programs. They also noted that accommodations are collaborative in nature and require mutual understanding.

The presenters invited comments and feedback from Council and encouraged attendees to (1) evaluate how accommodations may differ for undergraduate and graduate students and (2) how accommodations may impact Experiential Education and exchanges.

Comments/recommendations from Council included the following:

- Students can move from full-time to part-time studies; however, when their circumstances have eased they may experience difficulty returning to full-time status. It would be beneficial to streamline processes such that students can resume academic pursuits with minimum disruption.
- Different circumstances may call for different accommodations, which may go against Program/Faculty standards. The challenge is to balance accommodations with the integrity of the course, program and degree. Having graduate

students involved in conversations is a step in the right direction.

- Prospective students should receive information, guidance and support prior to commencing their studies such that they are aware of resources.
- There is a disconnect between services and there should be clarity as to who does what and when. Additionally, faculty, staff and students need more than links because stakeholders need to understand the role and function of services.
- Some disciplines might be able to afford greater flexibility whereas other disciplines, which are regulated by a professional body, may be restricted in the types of accommodations that can be provided.
- Specific to Experiential Education and student exchanges, the external/international community may have a different understanding of accommodations and may not be able to provide the same level of consideration. Policy guidelines should also articulate to what extent are partners responsible for meeting accommodations and what happens when partners do not meet needs. On the other hand, should Experiential Education opportunities focus on partners who can support the varied needs of students?
- York should consider mental health / mental illness prevention, including self-exploration, such that students are aware of their strengths and needs. It was also suggested that high-school students enroll

into a summer course and experience the Campus, which may facilitate their transition.

Wrapping up the discussion, it was recommended that an active outreach strategy be developed to connect with students. It was also recommended that the strategy inform hospitals, with a pediatric focus, of York's commitment to supporting the various needs of students.

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

On behalf of the Executive and Planning Committee, Prof. M. Morrow noted that processes to fill vacancies on Standing Committees of Council were underway in Schools/Department. Members were encouraged to connect with their nominating committee for additional information.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant position of Chair of Council from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. No nominations were received from the floor. This position will remain vacant until filled.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant position of Vice-Chair of Council from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. The first year would be served as Vice-Chair and the second year would be served as Chair.

Prof. B. Pilkington nominated Prof. C. Da Silva for the position of Vice-Chair of Council.

Prof. C. Da Silva accepted the nomination.

Seeing no additional nominations, Prof. C. Da Silva was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of Faculty of Health Council.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant position of an "at-large" seat on the Executive and Planning

Committee from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. It was noted that Prof. H. Jenkin, Department of Psychology, is a continuing member and the two 'at large' members shall not be from the same School/Department. No nominations were received from the floor. This position will remain vacant until filled.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant position of an "at-large" seat on the Petitions Committee from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. It was noted that Prof. H. Tamim, School of Kinesiology and Health Science, is a continuing member and the two 'at large' members shall not be from the same School/Department. No nominations were made from the floor. This position will remain vacant until filled.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant position of Health Senator from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Prof. J. MacDonnell expressed an interest in serving as a Faculty of Health Senator.

Seeing no additional nominations, Prof. J. MacDonnell was acclaimed as a Health Senator.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant position on Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials, from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. No nominations were received from the floor. This position will remain vacant until filled.

Members were encouraged to submit nominations to Lavina Sadhwani by Friday, March 16, 2018.

### **8. Report on the Curriculum Committee**

Associate Dean Safai moved, seconded by Prof. B. Meisner that minor changes, effective 2018-2019, to the

Bachelor of Health Studies programs housed in the School of Health Policy and Management, be approved.

The motion carried.

### **9. Senator's Report**

Senator J. Goldberg reflected on the Forum of Ideas and highlighted that the event was well attended and that posters from the event were on display at the Senate meeting. He publicly thanked Senate for organizing the event and for inviting Global Health and the Department of Psychology to present posters about their curriculum innovations.

Senator Goldberg attended the February 15, 2018 meeting of Senate and highlighted the President's remarks and activities associated with Standing Committees of Senate.

He relayed that President Lenton provided an update on Sexual Violence on Campus initiatives noting a Campus Climate Survey, establishment of an advisory committee and additional training and support for members of the community. As well, President Lenton spoke to the process for developing new decanal hiring and renewal guidelines.

Senator Goldberg encouraged Council members to attend convocation and congratulate students and their families and friends on Friday, June 15, 2018 and Monday, June 18, 2018. Additional information can be obtained from <http://convocation.students.yorku.ca/>.

Referencing the Report on Undergraduate Student Awards Distribution for 2016-2017, Senator Goldberg noted that overall amount of funding has increased 4.5%,

which amounts to \$31.1 million. Additionally, the number of recipients increased 8.8% to 27,096.

As recommended by Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee, Senate approved various academic programs including, changes to requirements for Clinical Neuropsychology within the MA and PhD Programs in Clinical Psychology and changes to requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing Program. Senator Goldberg highlighted that York University is the only institution to have an accredited English-language Clinical Neuropsychology program in Canada. Other approved changes in York's academic programs included, establishing a Black Canadian Studies Disciplinary Certificate, restructuring of the Indigenous Studies Stream, and establishing a Specialization in Artificial Intelligence in the MSc Program in Computer Science.

Referring to Senate's Committee on Academic Policy, Planning and Research, Senator Goldberg highlighted that Provost Philipps provided an update on the Institutional Integrated Resource Plan. The Committee also extended its discussion on 'incomparable metrics' to capture various expressions of scholarly work.

In concluding his report, Senator Goldberg highlighted that plans to renovate the Harry Arthurs Commons into a more 'people-friendly community' space are underway. He also encouraged Health Senators to attend the March 8, 2018 Special Meeting of Senate.

#### **10. Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned.

**2017-2018 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm  
– 4:30pm, Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building:**

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

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R. Bishop, Secretary

**Report of the  
Executive and Planning Committee  
April 2018**

**ITEM FOR INFORMATION:**

**1. Call for Nominations**

Processes to fill vacancies on Standing Committees of Council are underway in Schools/Department. Please connect with your nominating committee for more information.

The Faculty of Health Executive and Planning Committee is seeking nominations for the following vacancies: Chair of Council, two 'at large' seats on the Executive and Planning Committee, 'at large' seat on the Petitions Committee, and Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials.

Please submit nominations or expressions of interest to Lavina Sadhwani ([lavin@s@yorku.ca](mailto:lavin@s@yorku.ca)) by Friday, April 13, 2018. Elections will take place at the May 2, 2018 meeting of the Faculty of Health Council.

**a) Chair of Council**

Chair of Faculty of Health Council (one-year term, July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

At the time of writing this report, the Executive and Planning Committee of Faculty of Health Council did not receive nominations to serve as Chair of Council.

Nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

**b) 'At large' seats on the Executive and Planning Committee (2 vacancies)**

Two 'at large' seats on the Executive and Planning Committee (two-year term of office, July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020).

Nominee for election: Brad Meisner, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

**Membership (Designated):**

Dean

Associate Deans

Chair, Department of Psychology

Chair, School of Health Policy & Management

Chair, School of Kinesiology & Health Science

Director, School of Nursing

Masters, Calumet College & Stong College

Chair of Council

Vice-Chair of Council

Secretary of Council

'At large' Representatives (2)\*

Student Representatives (2)

Outgoing 'at large' members\*  
Chris Ardern, School of Kinesiology and Health Science  
Heather Jenkin, Department of Psychology

\*The two members who are elected 'at-large' by Council shall not be from the same School/Department.

**c) 'At large' seat on Petitions Committee (1 vacancy)**

One 'at large' seat on the Petitions Committee (two-year term of office, July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020).

Membership (Designated):  
Associate Dean  
Department of Psychology (2)  
School of Health Policy & Management (2)  
School of Kinesiology & Health Science (2)  
School of Nursing (2)  
Student Representatives (4)  
'At large' Representative (2)\*

**Continuing 'at large' member\***

Hala Tamim, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

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At the time of writing this report, the Executive and Planning Committee of Faculty of Health Council did not receive nominations for the 'at large' seat on the Petitions Committee.

Nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

**d) Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials (1 vacancy)**

Three-year term of office, July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

See <http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/sub-committee-on-honorary-degrees-and-ceremonials/> for more information.

Outgoing Senate Sub-Committee on Honourary Degrees and Ceremonials member: Shayna Rosenbaum, Department of Psychology

Nominee for election: Chris Ardern, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.