

**York University  
Faculty of Health Council**

**Notice of Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020  
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
Via Zoom**

**Agenda**

- 1. Chair's Remarks**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of September 9, 2020**
- 3. Business arising from the minutes**
- 4. Dean's Remarks**
- 5. Faculty Awards**
- 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.

**2020-2021 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm–4:30pm:**

- Wednesday, November 4, 2020
- Wednesday, December 2, 2020
- Wednesday, January 13, 2021
- Wednesday, February 3, 2021
- Wednesday, March 3, 2021
- Wednesday, April 7, 2021
- Wednesday, May 5, 2021

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

**Faculty of Health  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
Wednesday, September 9, 2020  
Virtual Meeting - ZOOM  
Minutes**

**Attendance:** F. Ahmad; K. Ali; C. Ardern, I. Aslam, R. Bassett-Gunter, A. Belcastro, Y. Bohr, S. Bowerman, C. Buick, M. Castro, M. Chaudhry, C. Chaufan, T. Cleworth, J. Connolly, C. Da Silva, M. Dastjerdi, A. Day, A. De Lisio, J. Drake, H. Edgell, E. Evans, O. Eyawo, M. Fallah, K. Fergus, V. Geer, L. Ginsburg, M. Gola, J. Goldberg, M. Hamadeh, L. Harris, A. Hatamnejad, S. Hillier, L. Hynes, R. Jamnik, H. Jenkin, E. Jensen, H. Jordan, N. Khanlou, R. Lastimoso Jr, L. Lum, S. MacDonald A. Macpherson, C. Mallette, P. McDonald, G. Mochuzuki, A. Moore, S. Moradian, S. Murtha, L. Nicholson, M. Nihal, K. Page-Cutrara, K. Pedernal, T. Penney, A. Perry, R. Pillai Riddell, M. Poirier, S. Premji, H. Rassol, N. Richardson, R. Robbio, C. Rowan, J. Ruttle, E. Schraa, L. Sergio, M. Singh, R. Steele, C. van Daalen-Smith, L. van Dreumel, A. Viens, J. Vorstermans, J. Weiss, H. Wong

**Guests:** R. Bishop, F. Clarke, C. Corson, Y. Delaviz, G. Gringhuis, R. Gritsyuk, J. Hard, K. Hetherington, S. Mitchell-Hutson, S. Pereira, J. Sundaramoorthy, K. Thomas, M. Verrilli, A. Wiscicka

**1. Chair's remarks**

Chair M. Singh welcomed Council members and explained how the meeting would be conducted online. House-keeping items on how to ask questions and how to vote for items were addressed.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting May 6, 2020**

Professor N. Khanlou motioned, seconded by Professor S. Premji that the minutes of the May 6, 2020 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 extended his sincere thanks to all faculty, students, and staff in response to the current COVID-19 circumstances. He stated that he would keep his remarks short to respect those faculty members who were participating in the "Scholar Strike".

He welcomed faculty members to a new academic term and thanked faculty and staff for working so hard throughout the summer to prepare for the current term. He also thanked the Associate Deans for taking on the role of acting Dean in his absence throughout the summer and for dealing with the challenges that arose during that time.

Dean McDonald noted that he will be working with the leadership team to develop a new Integrated Resource Plan. Part of the new IIRP will include a working group on systemic

and individual racism. The new IIRP will include specifics on how to achieve integration within the UAP. Details will be shared at a future meeting.

At the next Faculty Council meeting, Dean McDonald hopes to provide an update on the exciting things that the Faculty of Health has accomplished over the summer including award recipients, hiring and enrolment updates and budget updates.

A question arose regarding the need to provide live IT support during examinations during and outside of regular business hours. Dean McDonald will look whether or not plans have been developed to support instructors during examinations that fall outside of class hours. Having a plan in place to deal with any potential issues that arise will help reduce the stress on both students and instructors.

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

On behalf of the Executive and Planning Committee, Professor M. Singh provided the report.

The Executive and Planning committee did not exercise summer authority.

There was a call for nominations for the following Faculty Council vacancies:

- Vice Chair of Council
- “at-large” seats on the Petitions Committee

Members were encouraged to submit nominations to fill vacancies to K. Hetherington ([khether@yorku.ca](mailto:khether@yorku.ca)) before September 18, 2020.

## **6. Report of the Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards**

R. Bishop provided the report on behalf of the committee. He summarized the activities of the Committee and noted that the Committee continues to have a monitoring role of the Faculty grades exercises. He also reviewed the statistics associated with academic honesty and the distribution of faculty awards and medals.

Due to COVID-19, the move to process academic honesty files electronically via Zoom has added additional layers of administrative processes including technical issues and increased processing times for meetings/hearings. There will be workload implications at both the exploratory and panel level.

## **7. Report of the Research and Awards Committee**

Associate Dean M. Fallah provided the Research and Awards Committee report and listed the activities of the Committee during 2019-2020. The Committee was responsible for the adjudication of the following grants/awards:

- Conference Travel Funds
- Minor Research Grants
- Junior Faculty Funds

The Committee also adjudicated the 2019-2020 Faculty Awards and recipients will be recognized at an upcoming Council meeting. He acknowledged that all award/grant activities will proceed as they have in the past. Research that can be done remotely will be prioritized and conference travel fund application will be reviewed for eligibility.

#### **8. Report of the Tenure and Promotions Committee**

In lieu of an in-person report, the report for the Committee on Tenure and Promotions was posted to the Council website. The committee met 3 times during the 2019-2020 academic year to consider 3 applications for tenure and/or promotion and 2 applications for promotion to Professor.

#### **9. Report of the Graduate Committee**

Associate Dean M. Fallah provided the Graduate Committee report and listed the activities of the Committee during 2019-2020. The Committee was responsible for the adjudication of the following grants/awards:

- Graduate Conference Travel Funds
- The graduate student component of the Meighen Wright Foundation Maternal-Child Health Scholars Program
- March of Dimes Graduate Scholarship
- Sammy Graduate Scholarship in Autism Research

The Committee also adjudicated several new course proposals and course changes.

#### **10. Report of the Petitions Committee**

Professor H. Jenkin provided the Petitions Committee report. The 2019-2020 report referred to the increase in the number of petitions adjudicated compared to 2018-2019. It was noted, however, that the 2018-2019 decrease was due in part to accommodations made for students during the labour disruption. In 2019-2020 there was also an extended drop deadline for Winter and Year-term courses because of impact of COVID-19. Professor H. Jenkin thanked committee members and the Petitions Coordinator for their support.

#### **11. Senator's Report**

Professor A. Belcastro provided the May Senator's report. He provided highlights from the President's report including: thanks for the support of the transition to online delivery models; thanks for the focus on preserving collegial governance; discussion about the virtual convocation ceremonies and confirmation that the three-year operation budget (presented pre-pandemic) was proceeding to the Board of Governors.

APPRC reviewed charters for Organized Research Units; a Notice of Motion was brought forward regarding the UAP 2020-2025 and discussion was facilitated for Senators to provide input.

ASCP had a number of degree changes that were passed and a presented a report to discuss the transition from a 9.0 grade scale to a 4.0 grade scale. The grade scale discussion will be revisited in the fall.

A joint report was presented from APPRC and ASCP regarding quality assurance processes and the outcomes from previous years.

Professor J. Connolly provided the June Senator's report. She provided highlights of the President's Report including: the University's commitment for social justice and equity and the recipients of the Governor General's Gold and Silver Medals and Murray G. Ross Award.

Of note are the recipients of the Governor General's Gold Medal, Stephanie Raposo, Graduate Program in Psychology and the recipient of the Murray G. Ross Award, Aly Fawzy, Specialized Honours BSc in Kinesiology and Health Science.

Other highlights from the meeting included: Provost and Vice-President Academic, L. Phillipps provided a budget presentation; the approval of 2020-2025 UAP, the approval of new Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change.

## **12. Other Business**

There was no other business.

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R. Bishop, Secretary

**Report of the Executive and Planning Committee  
of the Faculty of Health  
October 2020**

**ITEMS FOR ACTION (2)**

**1. Call for Nominations**

The Faculty of Health Executive and Planning Committee received nominations for the following vacancies: Vice-Chair of Council and Senate Executive Member. There is still one remaining position vacancy for an 'at large' member on the Petitions Committee.

**a) Vice-Chair of Council**

Vice-Chair of Faculty of Health Council (two-year term, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022 – first year serving as Vice-Chair, second year serving as Chair)

At the time of the writing this report, the Executive and Planning Committee of the Faculty of Health Council received one nomination for the position of Vice-Chair of Council:

**Anne Moore**, School of Kinesiology & Health Science

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

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

One 'at large' seat on the Petitions Committee (two-year term of office, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022).

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:**

Heather Jenkin, Department of Psychology

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

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

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

**c) Senate Executive Committee**

One seat as the Faculty of Health Member on the Senate Executive Committee (three-year term of office, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023).

\* the Faculty of Health Senate Executive member must also be a continuing Faculty of Health Senator.

At the time of the writing this report, the Executive and Planning Committee of the Faculty of Health Council received one nomination for the position of Senate Executive Committee Member:

**Jennifer Connolly**, Department of Psychology

**2. Establishment of a Consent Agenda**

The Faculty of Health Executive and Planning recommends that Faculty of Health Council establish a consent agenda which will include the approval of Faculty Council minutes.

Rationale: Consent agenda items are deemed to be approved/received unless, one or more Faculty Council members request, prior to a meeting, that it be moved to the current agenda and addressed. Establishing a consent agenda would remove the need for a motion and seconder and is an efficient manner to manage the meeting minutes. A consent agenda has been established and is in use in the monthly Senate meetings.