

**York University
Faculty of Health Council**

Notice of Meeting

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Via Zoom**

Agenda

- 1. Chair's Remarks**
- 2. Business arising from the minutes**
- 3. Dean's Remarks**
- 4. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee**
- 5. Curriculum Committee Report**
- 6. Senator's Report**
- 7. Other Business**

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda items are deemed to be approved or received unless, prior to the start of the meeting, one or more Council members ask that they be dealt with as regular business.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of January 13, 2020

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, March 3, 2021
- Wednesday, April 7, 2021
- Wednesday, May 5, 2021

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Virtual Meeting - ZOOM
Minutes**

Attendance: S. Adam, O. Adegoke, C. Ardern, I. Aslam, M. Barranti, R. Bassett-Gunter, A. Belcastro, M. Bertram, C. Buick, M. Castro, M. Chaudhry, J. Choiniere, C. Chaufan, T. Cleworth, J. Connolly, C. Da Silva, A. Daftary, M. Dastjerdi, A. Day, A. De Lisio, H. Edgell, S. Evans, O. Eyawo, L. Feldstein, K. Fergus, A. Firas, P. Fotoohi, J. Fraser-Thomas, T. George, L. Ginsburg, J. Goldberg, M. Hamadeh, A. Hatamnejad, M. Herbert, S. Hillier, L. Hynes, R. Jamnik, E. Jensen, A. Josse, C. Kurtz-Landy, R. Lenton, L. Lum, J. MacDonnell, A. Macpherson, I. Maimets, C. Mallette, P. McDonald, A. Moore, S. Moradian, C. Murray, S. Murtha, L. Nicholson, M. Nihal, B. Orazetti, J. Orbinski, K. Page-Cuttrara, K. Parr, K. Pedernal, T. Penney, L. Philipps, A. Phillips, M. Poirier, S. Premji, P. Rahimpoor-Marnani, H. Rassol, J. Rawana, N. Richardson, R. Robbio, M. Rotondi, C. Rowan, M. Ruram, J. Ruttle, L. Sergio, M. Singh, R. Steele, N. Stuckless, C. van Daalen-Smith, L. van Dreumel, A. Viens, J. Weiss, G. Wong, T. Xerri, J. Vostermans

Guests: R. Bishop, F. Clarke, C. Corson, Y. Delaviz, G. Gringhuis, J. Hard, K. Hetherington, R. Lewin, C. McAulay, A. Morgani, N. Sam, L. Santos, J. Sundaramoorthy, M. Verrilli

1. Chair's remarks

Chair M. Singh welcomed members and explained how the meeting would be conducted online. House-keeping items related to asking questions and voting were also addressed.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Budget Consultation Presentation

President R. Lenton welcomed members to a new year and thanked faculty for their support in helping to mitigate the difficult situation created by the COVID pandemic. She stressed the importance of using this opportunity to utilize the University Academic Plan effectively and find ways to help the community move toward recovery from COVID. She provided some context about the current budget and how past investments are helping to shape investments moving forward. She spoke about some of the expectations for economic investment and the likely concerns the provincial government will have regarding higher education.

Provost L. Philipps highlighted several areas of interest for Council including 1) actions taken to address deferred maintenance, 2) funding support for the Markham campus and for future projects including the idea of the Vaughan Health Precinct, 3) consideration for the faculty complement renewal strategy, 4) improvements to student support services, and 5) investments in technology to support high-quality infrastructure including network renewal and increased cyber security. She closed by stating that the budget needs to support university goals and the established priorities of the UAP.

Vice-President of Finance C. McAulay addressed the assumptions that were made when preparing the budget including government grants, student fees, salaries and wages and early COVID-19 considerations. The University did incur some unexpected costs including PPE and emergency bursary funding but also realised some unexpected savings related to reduced benefits usage and the curtailment of hiring in some areas. An additional budget update will be provided in the fall.

During the ensuing discussion, members raised two areas for consideration. The first relates to future hiring investments and the potential need for strategic hiring, as there is a need to find a balance between the existing hiring requirements and the broader hiring strategy.

Learn more in [Information on the Faculty Complement Renewal Strategy \[PDF\]](#).

The second area for consideration is digital transformation and the need to invest in online learning and transition to online platforms. There is a need not only to supply the technology and the platforms but also to ensure the support for faculty and staff to effectively utilize the platforms and technology.

Follow-up questions and comments can be directed to Ran Lewin: lewinr@yorku.ca

4. Dean's Remarks

Dean McDonald welcomed Council members and thanked President Lenton, Provost Philipps and Vice-President of Finance McAulay for their presentation.

Dean McDonald reminded Council of the positive things that Faculty of Health stakeholders are accomplishing. He highlighted the following:

- The submission of the updated Integrated Resource Plan in December to address priorities identified by the new University Academic Plan.
- The continued expansion of programs including a newly developed proposal for a PhD in Global Health.
- The establishment of an advisory group to study the feasibility of adding programming in rehabilitative sciences including master's degrees in physiotherapy and occupational therapy.
- A notice of intent from the School of Health Policy and Management to create a graduate research-oriented stream.
- The School of Health Policy and Management is also preparing of a notice of intent to develop a potential new professional master's degree in health informatics and analytics.
- The request from the School of Nursing to dissolve the existing Collaborative Nursing program and replace it with a direct entry, 4-year undergraduate nursing program.
- The exciting curricular changes proposed at the December Council meeting to create new general education opportunities for Health students.

Dean McDonald provided an update on space for teaching and research. The Sherman Health Sciences Building could break ground in the spring. The new space will add several thousand square feet of office and research space to support teams in neuroscience, neuropsychology, athletic therapy, biomechanics, injury, sport concussion, motor control and psychology of physical activity. Dean McDonald has formed a group to start planning new research facilities to address needs in human physiology and nutrition. There have been funds set aside to create wet lab space in Farquharson. Lastly, discussions have begun regarding the creation of a health precinct next to the new hospital in Vaughan, which could provide additional space for teaching and research.

Dean McDonald addressed faculty complement planning, noting approvals to undertake searches to replace seven retirements/resignations and to continue with four previously failed searches and three additional new searches. The new full-time faculty search will include two Canada Research Chairs in Neurophysiology and Data Science. Positions for two endowed research chairs were also secured. New staff positions have been successfully added and the Faculty is seeking approval for a few more positions over the next two years. Dean McDonald hopes to make an announcement in the next few weeks regarding a replacement for Associate Dean Research, and thanked staff for their continued support during the transition.

Lastly, Dean McDonald spoke regarding the appointment of co-chairs to lead a task force focused on enhancing our ability to be a more diverse, equitable and inclusive community of colleagues. He also announced a formal MOU will soon be signed with Mackenzie Health in Vaughan and Richmond Hill to lay the groundwork for opportunities in research, experiential learning, and continuing education.

5. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee

On behalf of the Executive and Planning Committee, Professor A. Moore provided the report. There was a call for nominations for the at-large seat on the Petitions Committee. The position will remain vacant until filled and expressions of interest can be sent to Katie Hetherington (khether@yorku.ca).

6. Curriculum Committee Report

Professor E. Jensen provided the report on behalf of the Curriculum Committee.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor A. Phillips that Council approves the request to amend the Senate Policy on Repeating Passed or Failed Courses for Academic Credit for the exemption of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) degree program practicum courses be extended to include all BScN degree courses, effective FW 2021-22. The motion carried.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor S. Premji that Council approves the establishment of the School of Nursing Policy on Repeating Passed or Failed Courses for Academic Credit, effective FW 2021-22. The motion carried.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor A. Belcastro that Council approves discounting the use of CASper as an application requirement for Internationally Educated Nurse (IEN) and the Second Entry BScN Nursing programs in

the School of Nursing housed in the Faculty of Health, effective FW 2021-22. The motion carried.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor K. Page-Cutrara that Council approves a change to a required course in the Health Policy Specialized Honours BHS program in the School of Health Policy and Management housed in the Faculty of Health, as set out in Appendix C, effective FW 2021-22. The motion carried.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned.

2020-2021 Faculty of Health Council Meeting dates are as follows:

February 3, 2021

March 3, 2021

April 7, 2021

May 5, 2021

R. Bishop, Secretary

**Report of the Executive and Planning Committee
of the Faculty of Health
February 2021**

ITEMS FOR ACTION (1)

1. Call for Nominations

The Faculty of Health Executive and Planning Committee has one vacancy for an 'at large' member on the Petitions Committee.

a) '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).

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.

Nominations can be made to Katie Hetherington (khether@yorku.ca).
The position will remain vacant until filled.

**Report of the
Faculty of Health Council
February 2021**

ITEM FOR ACTION:

1. Department of Psychology

a. Establishment of the Disciplinary Certificate in Psychological Methods and Data Analysis • Department of Psychology • Faculty of Health

The Curriculum Committee recommends,

That Council approves the establishment of the Undergraduate Disciplinary Certificate in Psychological Methods and Data Analysis, effective FW 2021-22.

Rationale:

As outlined in the full proposal, provided as Appendix A, the goal of the undergraduate Certificate in Psychological Methods and Data Analysis is to provide students with valuable training in applied quantitative methods and analysis. Students will gain knowledge in study design, manuscript preparation, basic and advanced statistical methods, basic and advanced research methods, data analysis, psychometrics, the application of statistical methods to real-world problems, modern issues in research methods, statistics and data analysis, and communicating the results of analyses to a variety of audiences. At program completion, students will have developed enhanced reasoning and literacy in research and statistical methods for application in multiple settings. Quantitative skills are in high demand and give behavioral science/health graduates an advantage when competing for entry-level research/data science positions. Further, the Certificate will provide undergraduate students applying to graduate school (in any Psychological area) with an advantage in terms of strong methodological skills.