

**York University  
Faculty of Health Council**

**Notice of Meeting**

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

**Agenda**

- 1. Chair’s Remarks**
- 2. Business arising from the minutes**
- 3. Decanal Search Announcement**
- 4. Dean’s Remarks**
- 5. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee**
- 6. Curriculum Committee Report**
- 7. Senator’s Report**
- 8. 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 February 3, 2021

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

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

**Faculty of Health**  
**FACULTY COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting - ZOOM**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:** C. Ardern, M. Barranti, A. Belcastro, Y. Bohr, S. Bowerman, C. Buick, M. Chaudhry, C. Chaufan, J. Check, J. Choiniere, T. Cleworth, J. Connolly, R. Cribbie, C. Da Silva, A. Daftary, M. Dastjerdi, J. Drake, D. Dunwoody, S. Evans, O. Eyawo, K. Fergus, L. Gagliese, T. George, L. Ginsburg, J. Goldberg, M. Hamadeh, A. Hatamnejad, M. Herbert, S. Hillier, E. Jensen, L. Lum, S. MacDonald, J. MacDonnell, A. Macpherson, C. Mallette, P. McDonald, A. Moore, S. Moradian, M. Mourine, S. Murtha, Y. Nakamura, L. Nicholson, B. Oraziotti, K. Page-Cutrara, K. Pedernal, A. Perry, A. Phillips, M. Poirier, P. Rahimpoor-Marnani, J. Rawana, N. Richardson, R. Robbio, M. Rotondi, J. Ruttle, E. Schraa, A. Shnier, M. Singh, R. Steele, N. Stuckless, L. van Dreumel, A. Viens, J. Vostermans, G. Wong, T. Xerri

**Guests:** R. Bishop, P. Calderon-Valdivia, F. Clarke, C. Corson, J. Hard, K. Hetherington, S. Mitchell-Hutson, A. Petro, A. Rokicka-Wiscicka, L. Santos, J. Sundaramoorthy, M. Verrilli

**1. Chair's remarks**

Chair M. Singh welcomed members and explained how the meeting would be conducted online. She also noted the recent call for nominations for honorific professorships by the Senate Committee on Awards. The full memo, which includes nomination requirements and submission information, has been posted to the Faculty Council website.

**2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**3. Dean's Remarks**

Dean McDonald welcomed Council members and asked them to join in congratulating Professor M. Rotondi and Professor C. Ardern on their new roles. Professor M. Rotondi will serve as Interim Associate Dean, Research from February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Professor C. Arden will serve as the Associate Dean, Research beginning July 1, 2021.

Preparation has begun on the 2021-2022 budget which is due at the end of February. It is unlikely that radical changes will need to be made but contingencies are being put in place to deal with potential fluctuations in enrolment, specifically international student enrolment.

The Sherman Health Sciences expansion is moving forward with the hiring of a construction manager. Detailed drawings are being finalized and there should be a ground-breaking event in the spring.

Enrolments and applications are strong relative to last year. There are upcoming online conversion events and colleagues are urged to participate, where possible, to encourage prospective students to accept their admission offers.

Dean McDonald indicated that the School of Nursing is dissolving its collaborative nursing program partnerships with Georgian College and Seneca College. These programs will be replaced by a direct entry undergraduate nursing program, with students competing all 4 years at York. Congratulations to all who have supported this process.

Dean McDonald thanked colleagues in the School of Health Policy and Management who are planning new program offerings in health informatics and health management at the graduate level. Changes to the BHS program will also soon be coming to Council for consideration.

A two-year memorandum of understanding with Mackenzie Health was signed recently and will provide opportunities around experiential education, continuing education expansion (with HLLN), research collaboration opportunities and community development.

Lastly, the University has been working with Vaughan, VentureLab and Mackenzie Health to discuss opportunities for a health precinct around the new hospital. Further dialogue will be needed to determine what contributions York can provide to a health precinct.

#### **4. 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](mailto:khether@yorku.ca)).

#### **5. Curriculum Committee Report**

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

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor L. Nicholson that Council approves the establishment of the Undergraduate Disciplinary Certificate in Psychological Methods and Data Analysis, effective FW 2021-22. The motion carried.

#### **6. Senator's Report**

Professor C. van Daalen-Smith prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the Senators report to Faculty Council. The presentation is uploaded to the Faculty Council website for members to review. Questions can be directed to K. Hetherington ([khether@yorku.ca](mailto:khether@yorku.ca)).

## **7. Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned.

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

March 3, 2021

April 7, 2021

May 5, 2021

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R. Bishop, Secretary

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

**ITEMS FOR ACTION (1)**

**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:

- Vice-Chair of Council
- At-large seat on the Executive and Planning Committee
- At-large seat on the Petitions Committee
- Faculty of Health Senators
- Faculty of Health Representative for the Committee on Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)
- Faculty of Health Representative for the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials

Please submit nominations or expressions of interest to Katie Hetherington ([khether@yorku.ca](mailto:khether@yorku.ca)) by **Friday, March 19, 2021**. Elections will take place at the April 7, 2021 meeting of the Faculty of Health Council.

**a) Vice-Chair of Council**

Vice-Chair of Faculty of Health Council (two-year term, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023 – first year serving as Vice-Chair, second year serving as Chair)

**b) At-large seat on the Executive and Planning Committee (1 vacancy)**

One at-large seat on the Executive and Planning Committee (two-year term of office, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023).

**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)

**Continuing at-large member**

Oghenowede Eyawo, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

**Outgoing at-large member\***

Lynda van Dreumel, School of Health Policy and Management

\*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, 2021 - June 30, 2023).

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

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**ci) Faculty of Health Senator (3 vacancies)**

Faculty of Health Senator (three-year term of office, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024)

See **University Secretariat Senate** for more information.

Membership (Designated):

Dean, Faculty of Health

Chair, Department of Psychology

Chair, School of Health Policy & Management  
Chair, School of Kinesiology & Health Science  
Director, School of Nursing  
Director, School of Global Health

**Continuing Senate members (elected):**

Sherry Grace, School of Kinesiology and Health Science  
Julie Conder, Department of Psychology  
Mazen Hamadeh, School of Kinesiology and Health Science  
Celina Da Silva, School of Nursing  
Peter Jes Kohler, Department of Psychology  
Cheryl van Daalen-Smith, School of Nursing

**Outgoing Senate members:**

Judith MacDonnell, School of Nursing

**e) Faculty of Health Designated Seat on The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (1 vacancy)**

Three-year term of office, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

For more information, please visit:

**[University Secretariat - APPRC](#)**

**Outgoing Faculty of Health APPRC member:**

Eva Peisachovich, School of Nursing

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

Three-year term of office, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024

For more information, please visit:

**[University Secretariat - Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials](#)**

**Outgoing Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials member:**

Chris Ardern, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

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

**ITEM FOR ACTION:**

**1. Change to the degree requirements of the Bachelor of Science Degree Programs  
• Faculty of Health**

The Curriculum Committee recommends:

That Council approves a change to the degree requirement of MATH 1505 6.00 for the Bachelor of Science degree programs in the Faculty of Health, effective FW 2021-22.

**Rationale:**

As outlined in the full proposal, provided as Appendix A, Math 1505 6.00 has high withdrawal and high failure rates. About half the students are withdrawing from the course before the final exam, and about 1/3 of those that finish the course fail. The Math department is doing many things to remedy this. One such example is splitting Math 1505 6.00 as two three credit courses, namely, Math 1506 3.00 and Math 1507 3.00. The hope is that this will give these students more flexibility in choosing their math courses. Students are to take Math 1506 before Math 1507. If students struggle with Math 1506 6.00 they will then be able to take a remedial math course (such as Math 1510) before re-attempting Math 1506 3.00 or taking Math 1507 3.00.