

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, September 8, 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. Report of the Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards
6. Report of the Committee on Research and Awards
7. Report of the Graduate Committee
8. Report on the Committee on Tenure & Promotions
9. Report of the Petitions Committee
10. Faculty Awards
11. Senator’s Report: May 2020, June 2020
12. 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 May 5, 2021
2. Minutes of the Meeting of June 2, 2021

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2021-2022 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm–4:30pm:

- Wednesday, October 6, 2021
- Wednesday, November 3, 2021
- Wednesday, December 1, 2021
- Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- Wednesday, February 2, 2022
- Wednesday, March 2, 2022
- Wednesday, April 6, 2022
- Wednesday, May 4, 2022

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Virtual Meeting - ZOOM
Minutes

Attendance: S. Adam, F. Ahmad, K. Ali, L. Appel, C. Ardern, I. Aslam, M. Barranti, A. Belcastro, M. Bertam, Y. Bohr, S. Bowerman, C. Buick, C. Chaufan, J. Choiniere, T. Cleworth, J. Connolly, C. Da Silva, A. Daftary, T. Daly, A. Day, A. De Lisio, J. Drake, H. Edgell, S. Evans, O. Eyawo, K. Fergus, V. Geer, L. Ginsburg, M. Gola, J. Goldberg, L. Granek, M. Hamadeh, A. Hatamnejad, L. Hayhurst, S. Hillier, J. Hurley, M. Hynie, H. Jenkin, E. Jensen, A. Josse, P. Koehler, C. Kurtz-Landy, L. Lum, S. Luo, S. MacDonald, J. MacDonnell, A. Macpherson, I. Maimets, C. Mallette, R. Mar, P. McDonald, A. Moore, S. Moradian, M. Mosher, S. Murtha, Y. Nakamura, B. Oraziotti, K. Page-Cutrara, E. Peisachovich, T. Penney, A. Perry, M. Pettit, A. Phillips, A. Pottinger, S. Premji, N. Prendergast, P. Rahimpoor-Marnani, J. Rawana, N. Richardson, R. Robbio, M. Rotondi, M. Ruram, A. Rullay, J. Ruttle, E. Schraa, L. Sergio, M. Singh, H. Skinner, R. Steele, N. Stuckless, C. van Daalen-Smith, L. van Dreumel, A.M. Viens, J. Vorstermans, J. Weiss, M. Wiktorowicz, G. Wong, T. Xerri

Guests: A. Asif, R. Bishop, P. Calderon-Valdivia, J. Castle, F. Clarke, C. Corson, Y. Delaviz, R. Eacho, B. Edwards, R. Gritsyuk, J. Hard, K. Hetherington, S. Mitchell-Hutson, A. Petro, J. Sundaramoorthy, M. Verrilli, A. Wiscicka

1. Chair's remarks

Chair M. Singh welcomed members and explained how the meeting would be conducted online.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Research Vision Presentation

Vice-President Research and Innovation (VPRI), Amir Asif and policy advisor to the VPRI, Barbara Edwards, provided Council with a presentation on Research Intensification Efforts. He asked Council members for input on how to best maximize and utilize opportunities and how the VPRI Office can help facilitate success in research. He addressed 2019-2020 research performance and highlights of the 2021 Federal Budget.

Council members addressed concerns including:

- When might face to face research resume on campus given the current COVID-19 situation?

- Are there any plans to enhance support to researchers who collaborate with Indigenous Communities?
- Are there plans to provide financial support for non-Canadian graduate students?
- What travel recommendations/options are available during the pandemic to researchers who primarily conduct research internationally?
- Are there any plans to expand or strengthen the ethics office?

4. Dean's Remarks

Dean McDonald thanked A. Asif and B. Edwards for joining Council to share their report and answering questions.

Dean McDonald thanked Council members for a great year and in lieu of a report he opened the floor to questions.

5. Report of the Graduate Committee

Interim Associate Dean, M. Rotondi provided the report on behalf of the Graduate Committee.

Interim Associate Dean, M. Rotondi motioned, seconded by Professor M. Wiktorowicz that Council approve the following new graduate programs in the School of Global Health effective Fall 2023:

- Master's of Arts in Global Health
- Doctorate in Global Health

The motion carried.

6. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee

On behalf of the Executive and Planning Committee, Professor A. Moore provided the report.

Professor A. Moore motioned, seconded by R. Mar, that Council approves adoption of the Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of Council meetings. The motion carried.

Professor A. Moore motioned, seconded by Professor L. Sergio that the Executive and Planning Committee be established as summer authority for the Faculty of Health Council and report back to Council in the Fall on any actions taken under that authority. The motion carried.

Professor A. Moore motioned, seconded by Professor C. van Daalen-Smith that Faculty Council approve the revised search committee composition and procedures proposed for the 2021 Faculty of Health decanal search. The motion carried.

Professor A. Moore made a call for nominations for the following vacancies:

- Vice-Chair of Council
- 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

One nomination was received for Faculty of Health Senator position. Professor L. Appel was acclaimed as a Faculty of Health Senator.

The remaining positions will remain vacant until filled.

7. Senator's Report

Professor P. Kohler provided the Senators report to Faculty Council. The full report is available on the Senate website. The highlights of the report include:

- 2021 Federal Budget report which included investment in work-integrated learning, student financial assistance programs and support for Indigenous students
- Update on the ongoing provincial government relations with the Council of Ontario Universities
- Fall 2021 term planning and the gradual increase of in-person activities in accordance with public health guidelines
- Recognition of the University standing in the Times Higher Education Global Impact Rankings (11 in Canada; 67 overall)
- The appointment of Louise Spencer as Acting Vice-President Advancement
- York's designation as one of Canada's Greenest Employers

Senate approved a one-year extension of the Academic Forgiveness Policies pilot to FW2021-2022.

Senate Executive continues to monitor the ongoing impact of the pandemic on activities and planning for the Fall 2021 term.

8. Other Business

Professor R. Mar brought forth the following Hortatory Motion: Consistent with the mandates on sustainable development and climate action in the 2020-2025 University Academic Plan and York University's sustainability goals, the Faculty of Health Council calls on President Rhonda Lenton and the Board of Governors to divest from fossil fuels and invest in a just and climate-safe future. The motion passed.

Professors S. Hillier and A. Pottinger provided an update on the EDI Working group. They have currently established some guiding principles and identified several areas which require focus. In the coming weeks, the working group will be finalizing tools and questions and will reach out to encourage faculty and staff participation to provide feedback. A detailed report will be provided at a future Council meeting.

Chair M. Singh mentioned that the Chair of the ASCP and Chair of the Senate Appeals Committee are requesting a consultation on removing the requirement for Attending Physician's Statements (APS forms) for student petitions and deferrals. Although they are accepting individual responses and coordinated responses from committees, she encouraged UPD's and GPD's to collect feedback from their programs/units and provide a response. The invitation will also be forwarded to the appropriate Faculty of Health committees for their consideration.

The meeting adjourned.

R. Bishop, Secretary

Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – SPECIAL MEETING
Virtual Meeting - ZOOM
Minutes

Attendance: C. Ardern, I. Aslam, M. Barranti, A. Belcastro, Y. Bohr, M. Boni, S. Bowerman, A. Brar, C. Buick, R. Ceddia, J. Choiniere, T. Cleworth, J. Connolly, C. Da Silva, A. Daftary, A. Day, L. Gagliese, V. Geer, L. Ginsburg, J. Goldberg, M. Hamadeh, L. Harris, S. Hillier, J. Hurley, V. Jamnik, H. Jenkin, E. Jensen, C. Kurtz-Landy, L. Lum, S. MacDonald, J. MacDonnell, A. Macpherson, K. Malizia, G. Mochizuki, A. Moore, S. Moradian, S. Murtha, L. Nicholson, B. Oraziotti, K. Page-Cutrara, A. Paul, E. Peisachovich, T. Penney, A. Perry, B. Pilkington, M. Poirier, P. Rahimpoor-Marnani, J. Rawana, N. Richardson, M. Rotondi, N. Stuckless, C. van Daalen-Smith, J. Weiss, G. Wong, T. Xerri

Guests: R. Bishop, P. Calderon-Valdivia, F. Clarke, K. Hetherington, G. Marasco, S. Mitchell-Hutson, C. Murray, S. Pereira, M. Stancescu, J. Sundaramoorthy, A. Wiscicka

1. Chair's remarks

Vice-Chair A. Moore welcomed members and explained how the meeting would be conducted online.

2. Executive and Planning Committee Report – Decanal Search Committee Ratification

The composition of the Decanal Search Committee was approved.

The meeting adjourned.

R. Bishop, Secretary

Report of the Executive and Planning Committee
of the Faculty of Health
September 2021

1. Summer Authority

The Executive and Planning Committee met once during August to exercise Summer Authority granted by Council. The meeting was used to discuss how to address the vacancy on the Decanal Search Committee that was approved at Council in June.

2. Call for Nominations

There was one nomination received for the vacant at-large seat on the Petitions Committee. Kristine Pedernal, School of Nursing was acclaimed to the position.

The Faculty of Health Executive and Planning Committee is seeking nominations for the following vacancies:

- Vice-Chair of Council
- 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

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)

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 Vice-Chair of Council.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

b) 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.

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 Faculty of Health representative on the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC).

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

For more information, please visit:

[University Secretariat - APPRC](#)

Outgoing Faculty of Health APPRC member:

Eva Peisachovich, School of Nursing

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

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

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 Faculty of Health representative on the Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

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 Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards
of the Faculty of Health Council
September 2021

ITEM FOR INFORMATION:

1. Year End Report 2020-2021

This report summarizes the activities of the Faculty of Health Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards (CEAS) during the 2020-2021 academic period. In addition to the activities listed, the Committee continues to have a monitoring role over Faculty grades exercises.

Update on Academic Honesty:

Members of CEAS and its Academic Honesty Panel Subcommittee adjudicate cases of suspected breaches of the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty. Noted below is a summary of exploratory meetings and panel hearing cases processed between July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Exploratory Meeting Summary:

| Year | Plagiarism | Cheating | Cheating & Plagiarism | Aiding and Abetting | Falsification | Cheating & Aid and Abet | Total |
|-----------|------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------|
| 2020-2021 | 72 | 135 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 212 |
| 2019-2020 | 59 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | n/a | 67 |
| 2018-2019 | 19 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 3 | n/a | 41 |

Panel Hearing Summary:

| Year | Number of Completed Panel Hearings | Number of Pending Panel Hearings |
|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2020-2021 | 37 | 18 |
| 2019-2020 | 5 | 16 |
| 2018-2019 | 5 | 7 |

At the time of this report, there are the outstanding files to be processed that are not included in the statistics above. These files will be processed during the 2021-22 term and will have implications for the workload at both the exploratory and panel level.

Due to COVID-19, the move to process file electronically via Zoom has added an additional layer of administrative processes including technical issues and increased processing times for meetings/hearings.

CEAS also coordinated two Faculty of Health responses to consultation requests by Senate committees on the APS waiver and the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty

The pandemic brought with it, not just increased volume of suspected breaches with the shift to remote delivery, but increased numbers of high-volume breaches and cases involving social media such as student involvement with WhatsApp Chat groups during remote exams. The Associate Dean for Students carried out a review of AH penalties and processes in place under our current CEAS Terms of Reference to better support high quality student experience and timely processing of AH breaches taking into account principles of fairness to students and procedural integrity. Given the need to address some anomalous penalties and complex cases, the ADS and CEAS-Co-Chairs identified a need for CEAS to follow up on drafting guidelines to address oversight of anomalous academic honesty penalties and complex cases.

2020-2021 Faculty-Level Awards Summary:

| Award Name | Number of Recipients |
|--|----------------------|
| Lillian Wright Maternal-Child Health Undergraduate Scholarship | 4 |
| HH Gold Medal for Academic Excellence & Outstanding Leadership | 2 |
| HH Silver Medal for Outstanding Leadership | 2 |
| HH Silver Medal for Merit | 1 |

Report of the Research and Awards Committee to Faculty of Health Council

ITEM FOR INFORMATION:

1. Year End Report 2020-2021

This report summarizes the activities of the Faculty of Health Research and Awards Committee during the 2020-21 academic period. The Committee was responsible for the adjudication of the following grants/awards:

- Conference Travel Funds
- Minor Research Grants
- Junior Faculty Funds
- Collaborative Community-Based Research Seed Grant

The Committee also adjudicated the 2020-21 Faculty Awards. These will be announced at Faculty Council in the fall.

Conference Travel Funds

(Total granted this fiscal \$5,123.79)

| Conference Travel Funds | Faculty Member | Amount Awarded: |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| May 2020 Competition Canceled Due to COVID-19 | N/A | \$0.00 |
| | | |
| Oct 2020 Competition (Awarded: \$2,648.26) | Hillier, Sean | \$595.00 |
| | Fitzpatrick, Skye | \$1,000.00 |
| | Appel, Lora | \$464.00 |
| | Scime, Anthony | \$339.00 |
| | Perry, Christopher | \$250.26 |
| | | |
| Feb 2020 Competition (Awarded: \$2,475.53) | Adegoke, Ola | \$641.00 |
| | Cheng, Joey | \$241.00 |
| | Da Silva, Celina | \$541.53 |
| | Haas, Tara | \$632.00 |
| | Steele, Jennifer | \$420.00 |
| | | |

Minor Research Grants

(Total granted this fiscal - \$49,314.30)

| Minor Research Grant | Faculty Member | Title of Project | Amount Awarded |
|--|------------------------|--|----------------|
| May 2020 | N/A | Canceled Due to COVID-19 | \$0.00 |
| | | | |
| November 2020 Competition (Awarded: \$49,314.30) * Joint JFF&MRG | Adam, Simon | The Experiences of Postpartum Depression: A Critical Phenomenology | \$5,000.00 |
| | Buick, Catriona | Exploring the Prevalance of Psychological Stress and Pain in Women after Receiving High-Dose Brachytherapy for a Gynecological Cancer Under a General Anesthetic | \$5,000.00 |
| | Chaufan, Claudia | The Violence of Non-Violence: A systematic review of the health effects of sanctions, from the early 20th century through Covid-19 | \$3,000.00 |
| | Desrocher, Mary | Determinants of neurocognitive outcomes in pediatric ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke | \$3,000.00 |
| | Greenglass, Esther | Psychological Health and Coping During COVID-19: Theoretical and Practical Implications | \$2,975.00 |
| | Hamadeh, Mazen | Influence of vitamin D deficiency on molecular mechanisms in the central nervous system in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis | \$3,000.00 |
| | Keough, Matthew | Tracking Canadians' Substance Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A One-Year Longitudinal Study | \$5,000.00 |
| | Kurtz Landy, Christine | Exploring How Labour & Delivery Room Registered Nurses (RN) Anticipate and Support Patients at High-Risk for Unplanned C-Section | \$2,514.50 |

| Minor Research Grant | Faculty Member | Title of Project | Amount Awarded |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|----------------|
| | Poirier, Mathieu | Quasi-experimental equity evaluation of nonpharmaceutical interventions to control COVID-19 | \$4,924.80 |
| | Prime, Heather | Lausanne Triologue Play - Brief (LTP-B): A Family Systems Model to Address Child Mental Health in a Community Mental Health Setting. | \$4,925.00 |
| | Vorstermans, Jessica | Rural Communities in the Dominican Republic during COVID-19: Disablement and Resistance | \$4,975.00 |
| | Wojtowicz, Magdalena | Predicting Childhood Neuropsychological Outcomes of Preterm Neonates with Congenital Heart Disease | \$5,000.00 |

Junior Faculty Funds
(Total granted this fiscal - \$3,997.00)

| Junior Faculty Funds | Faculty Member | Title of Project | Amount Awarded |
|---|-----------------|--|----------------|
| November 2020 Competition (Awarded: \$3,997.00) | Daftary, Amrita | Mobilizing knowledge for stigma reduction in communities affected by drug resistant tuberculosis | \$2,000.00 |
| | Martin, Jodi | Evaluating the Efficacy of Online Tutorials Introducing Undergraduates to the Statistical Software | \$1,997.00 |

Collaborative and/or Community-Based Research Seed Grant

(Total granted this fiscal \$24,740.00)

| Seed Grant | Faculty Member | Title of Project | Amount Awarded |
|--|-----------------------------|---|----------------|
| October 2020 Competition (Awarded \$0.00) | N/A | No Successful Applicants | \$0.00 |
| | | | |
| March 2021 Competition (Awarded: \$24,740.00) | Ahmad, Farah | Caregiving Journeys of Canadian South Asian Families with Children on the Autism Spectrum | \$10,240.00 |
| | Haas, Tara / Scime, Anthony | Endothelial cells at the intersection of sex dimorphism and cardiometabolic disease | \$14,500.00 |

Report of the Graduate Committee to Faculty of Health Council

ITEM FOR INFORMATION:

1. Year End Report 2020-2021

This report summarizes the activities of the Faculty of Health Graduate Committee during the 2020-21 academic period. The Committee was responsible for the adjudication of the following grants/awards:

- Graduate Student 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
- Graduate Student Short Course and Workshop Fund
- Harvey Skinner Agents of Change Award

2. New Course Proposals - Course Changes

Graduate Student Conference Travel Funds
(Total granted this fiscal - \$1,376.00)

| Graduate Student Conference Travel Funds | Student | Amount Awarded |
|--|-------------------|----------------|
| May 2020 Competition (Canceled due to COVID-19) | N/A | \$0.00 |
| | | |
| November 2020 Competition (Awarded; \$) | Aternali, Andrea | \$111.87 |
| | Bondi, Bianca | \$125.00 |
| | Champigny, Claire | \$100.00 |
| | Roberts, Samantha | \$171.60 |
| | Sellitto, Teresa | \$365.25 |
| | Tu, Eric | \$107.65 |
| | Varma, Sonya | \$166.16 |
| | Vashi, Nisha | \$228.47 |

Meighen Wright Maternal-Child Health Graduate Scholarship

March 2021 Competition

- Bach-Kay, Shir \$10,000.00
- Govender, Piara \$10,000.00
- Ivanski, Chantelle \$10,000.00
- Katz, Jessica \$10,000.00
- Roberts, Samantha \$10,000.00
- Vashi, Nisha \$10,000.00

March of Dimes Graduate Scholarship

December 2020 Competition

- Champingny, Claire \$1,250.00

Sammy Graduate Scholarship in Autism Research

November 2020 Competition

- Vashi, Nisha \$6,000.00

Graduate Student Short Course and Workshop Funds

(Total granted this fiscal - \$1,000.00)

| Graduate Student Short Course and Workshop Funds | Student | Amount Awarded |
|--|----------|----------------|
| February 2021 Competition | Tu, Eric | \$1,000.00 |

Dr. Harvey Skinner Agents of Change Award

March 2021 Competition

- Adeyinka, Baithat \$200.00

New Course Proposals - Course Changes

May 2020 Meeting:

- New Course Proposal in SoN, Jacqueline Choiniere: GS/NURS 7XXX (Elective) - Technology, Health, and Place: A Critical Examination
- New Course Proposal in Psychology, Suzanne MacDonald: PSYC 6145 3.0 - Advanced Linear and Nonlinear Modeling
- Modified Course Proposal in Psychology, Suzanne MacDonald: 6140 6.0 - Multivariate Analysis
- Course Change Proposal in KINE, Michael Riddell: KAHS 6460 3.0 – Applied Epidemiology

October 2020 Meeting:

- Course Change Proposal in Psychology, Suzanne MacDonald: PSYC 6160 – Hierarchical Linear Modeling
- Calendar Changes in Psychology, Suzanne MacDonald: Quantitative Methods Diploma

December 2020 Meeting:

- New Course Proposal in Psychology, Suzanne MacDonald: PSYC 6139 Item Response Theory
- Course Expiration in Psychology, Suzanne MacDonald: PSYC 6130 Univariate Analysis
- Review Jacqueline Choiniere: School of Nursing Graduate Program Electives

March 2021 Meeting:

- Course Change Proposal in Psychology, Suzanne MacDonald: PSYC 6421
- Course Change Proposal in Psychology, Suzanne MacDonald: PSYC 6422
- Review New Global Health Graduate Program Proposal

April 2021 Meeting:

- Discussion/Approval re: New Field Proposal – Graduate Program in Health (Health System Management & Health Data Analytics)

Report of the
Committee on Tenure and Promotions
of the Faculty of Health Council
September 2021

ITEM FOR INFORMATION:

1. Year End Report 2020-2021

Review of Applications for Tenure and Promotions September 2020 – June 2021:

During the 2020-2021 academic year members met 4 times to consider 4 applications for tenure and/or promotion and 2 applications for promotion to Professor.

Update on the status of Unit-Specific Tenure and Promotion Standards: Unit-specific tenure and promotion standards remain at varying levels of revision and approval. As of September 2021, the status of unit-specific standards for each of the Faculty of Health units is as follows:

Department of Psychology

- Unit Standards for full Professor were reviewed by Senate and returned to the Unit for review.
- Unit Standards for Associate Professor Teaching Stream were reviewed by Senate and returned to the Unit for review.
- Unit Standards for full Professor, Teaching Stream not submitted for review.

School of Kinesiology and Health Science

- All Unit standards have been submitted, reviewed and are In Accord.

School of Nursing

- Unit Standards for full Professor were reviewed by Senate and returned to the Unit for review. They have since been re-submitted to Senate for final review and approval.
- Unit Standards for Associate and full Professor, Teaching Stream not submitted for review.

School of Health Policy and Management

- Unit Standards for Associate and full Professor, Teaching Stream not submitted for review
- Unit standard for promotion to full Professor reviewed by Senate and returned to the Unit for review.

**Report of the Petitions Committee
of the Faculty of Health Council
September 2021**

ITEM FOR INFORMATION:

Year End Report 2020-2021

Committee members review material via Moodle and note individual decisions prior to weekly in-person meetings. Since March 2020, all Committee meetings have been facilitated using Zoom Conferencing to accommodate the remote working requirements that have been set by the university due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2020, the 2019-20 Petitions Faculty Council Report was presented at the September council meeting for the first time. Prior to 2020, the Faculty Council report was presented at the May council meeting. As such, the 2019-20 and earlier reports analyzed and compared the trends and statistics from the July to April timeframe. However, the 2020-21 report will focus on the trends and statistics during the entire 2020-21 term in comparison to the entire 2019-20 term. For a long-term view, the report will also present a summary chart of number comparisons during the July – April period spanning from 2015 - 2021.

In 2020-21, a total of 1092 requests were adjudicated in the timeframe of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. By comparison, in 2019-20, a total of 1189 requests were adjudicated in the same timeframe of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. This represents an 8.16% overall decrease in petitions from last year. Similarly, petitions saw a 9.10% decrease in late withdrawal petitions from last year. Late withdrawal petitions are the most common petitions and the trends for this petition request directly align with the overall trend of decreasing petition submissions.

Likewise, petitions to waive academic decisions saw an overall decrease in numbers, with Honours waivers decreasing by 23.81%, waivers of required regulations decreasing by 15.24% and waiver of debarment regulations decreasing by 26.32%.

In 2020-21, the Faculty of Health Petitions Committee also saw a substantial decrease in the number of deferred standing and extension of deferred standing requests, with a decrease of 74.11% from 2019-20. The 2020-21 number is significantly lower when also compared to other terms, even when comparing the numbers from the July – April

timeframe. The decrease is also at a much higher rate than the decrease noted in overall petitions. One might attribute this decrease to additional accommodations made by instructors within their classes, such as rolling deadlines, to accommodate the exceptional circumstances of the remote learning conditions and the COVID-19 restrictions.

However, there were some anomalies to the decreasing trend, the most significant being the increased requests for the pass/fail option. The increase is a trend that was first noted in the 2019-20 report. This trend continued in 2020-21 and by comparison, the number of pass/fail petitions saw a drastic increase of 281.82% during the 2020-21 term, with a total of 84 petitions. This increase can be attributed to the heightened awareness of the ungraded option that was communicated to students as an accommodation for courses impacted the COVID-19 pandemic. However, in Summer 2020 and Fall/Winter 2020-21, University-wide extensions to the pass/fail deadline or accommodations to the eligibility criteria for the pass/fail option were no longer available, thus resulting in additional petitions for this option during the remote learning conditions. As well, students who missed the extended deadline to request this option on courses interrupted by the pandemic in the Fall/Winter 2019-20 academic session also petitioned throughout the 2020-21 term to have the option retroactively applied to their courses.

We anticipate that further trends resulting from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the return to in-person operations will be reflected in the 2021-2022 term.

The following chart summarizes petitions adjudicated by the Petitions Committee between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, inclusive.

| Academic Petitions July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| (Categories include petitions and appeals, except the “Appeal to Remove ‘W’ on Transcript Granted by Petition” category which only includes appeals) | | | | |
| Petition Type | Approved | | Refused | Total |
| Late Withdrawal | Removal | Withdrawn | 224 | 619 |
| | 42 | 353 | | |
| | | | | |
| Late Enrolment/Add | 7 | | 1 | 8 |

| Petition Type | Approved | Refused | Total |
|---|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Pass/Fail Alternative Grading Option | 54 | 30 | 84 |
| | | | |
| Course Overload | 73 | 15 | 88 |
| | | | |
| Deferred Standing | 23 | 6 | 29 |
| | | | |
| Grade Reappraisal (Late Submission) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | |
| Letter of Permission (Late Submission) | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | | | |
| Course Repeat | 11 | 5 | 16 |
| | | | |
| Appeal to Remove "W" on Transcript Granted by Petition | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Waivers | | | |
| Waiver of Honours Standing Regulation | 62 | 18 | 80 |
| | | | |
| Waiver of Required Withdrawal | 66 | 23 | 89 |
| | | | |
| Waiver of Debarment | 17 | 11 | 28 |
| | | | |
| Upgrade GPA in Attempt to Graduate (Additional Credits) | 18 | 6 | 24 |
| | | | |
| Waiver of Elective Requirement | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | |
| Waiver of General Education Requirement | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| | | | |
| Waiver of Major or Minor Requirement | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | |
| Waiver of Upper-Level Course Requirement | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Petition Type | Approved | Refused | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Waiver of Degree Requirement | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Waiver of Course Credit Exclusion | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 735 | 357 | 1092 |

The following chart summarizes the number of past petition regulations adjudicated by the Petitions Committee for a comparative view of trends within the July – April timeframe.

| Petition Type | 2015 16 | 2016 17 | 2017 18 | 2018 19 | 2019 20 | 2020 21 |
|--|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Late Withdrawal | 475 | 742 | 558 | 282 | 519 | 427 |
| Late Enrolment/Add | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Pass/Fail Alternative Grading Option | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 68 |
| Course Overload | 22 | 16 | 15 | 28 | 29 | 43 |
| Deferred Standing | 52 | 74 | 74 | 117 | 102 | 26 |
| Grade Reappraisal (Late Submission) | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Letter of Permission (Late Submission) | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Course Repeat | 12 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 11 |
| Appeal to Remove “W” on Transcript Granted by Petition | N/A | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Waivers | | | | | | |
| Honours Waiver | 39 | N/A | 69 | 27 | 78 | 58 |
| Waiver of Required Withdrawal | 49 (combined Required Withdrawal and Debarment) | 68 | 61 | 0 | 78 | 69 |
| Waiver of Debarment | N/A | 26 | 15 | 2 | 31 | 18 |
| Upgrade GPA in Attempt to Graduate | 14 | 23 | 14 | 4 | 9 | 17 |
| Waiver of Elective Requirement | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Petition Type | 2015 16 | 2016 17 | 2017 18 | 2018 19 | 2019 20 | 2020 21 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Waiver of General Education Requirement | 3 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 9 |
| Waiver of Major Requirement | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Waiver of Upper-Level Requirement | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Waiver of Degree Requirement | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Waiver of Course Credit Exclusion | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Other | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 685 | 985 | 839 | 476 | 881 | 764 |