



York University
Faculty of Health Council

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 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. Presentation: Colleges Annual Report to Council
5. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee
6. Report of the Graduate Committee
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 November 3, 2021

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.

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

- 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, October 6, 2021
Virtual Meeting - ZOOM
Minutes**

Attendance: G. Ahmed, F. Ahmad, I. Aslam, M. Barranti, R. Bassett-Gunter, A. Belcastro, Y. Bohr, S. Bowerman, C. Buick, V. Cassar, R. Ceddia, S. Chinworth, J. Choiniere, T. Cleworth, J. Connolly, C. Da Silva, A. Daftary, F. Dastjerdi, N. Davis-Halifax, J. Drake, M. Elsayed Elghobashy, H. Edgell, C. El Morr, O. Eyawo, L. Feldstein, L. Gagliese, V. Geer, T. George, L. Ginsburg, J. Goldberg, P. Govender, M. Hamadeh, J. Hurley, L. Hynes, V. Jamnik, E. Jensen, A. Josse, A. Khalid, A. Krahn, C. Kurtz-Landy, L. Lamarche, L. Lum, S. MacDonald, A. Macpherson, P. McDonald, B. Meisner, T. Mgwigwi, A. Moore, S. Moradian, M. Morrow, S. Murtha, E. Peisachovich, T. Penney, A. Perry, A. Petro, L. Philipps, M. Poirier, P. Rahimpoor-Marnani, B. Richards, M. Rotondi, C. Rowan, J. Ruttle, A. Sadeghi, H. Skinner, N. Stuckless, O. Thomas, C. van Daalen-Smith, L. van Dreumel, A.M. Viens, T. Xerri

Guests: H. Balderama, M. Beharry, R. Bishop, F. Byrdine, L. Endersby, R. Gritsyuk, K. Gupta, J. Hard, K. Hetherington, A. Mohammed, A. Morgani, F. Newland, D. Robinson, D. Scheffel-Dunand, J. Sundaramoorthy, M. Talla, J. Wyman

1. Chair's remarks

Chair A. Moore 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. Decanal Search Discussion

Provost Philipps joined Council to discuss the status of the Faculty of Health Decanal Search. She indicated the position profile has been drafted and that there will be upcoming consultations for the community to provide additional input. In terms of the search itself, she expects that the bulk of applications will come via outreach from the consultation firm responsible for handling the posting as well as referrals from the community. If community members have suggestions for candidates, they should reach out to the consultants to discuss.

4. Vaughan Healthcare Precinct

Provost Philipps advised Council that the results of the feasibility study with the City of Vaughan and Mackenzie Health have now concluded and there is potential for multiple partnerships and collaborations to exist within the Vaughan Healthcare Precinct. Vaughan City Council has established a task force which includes President R. Lenton.

Provost Philipps is open to the idea of a town hall for community members who have not yet been invited to join the conversation about the potential opportunities the Precinct will provide. Her office will follow-up with the feasibility report for Council members.

5. Dean's Remarks

Dean McDonald welcomed Council members and thanked faculty, staff, and students for working hard to comply with York's COVID related health and safety protocols. He expressed thanks to the Dean's Office colleagues who have taken on the challenge of following up with community members as needed.

Dean McDonald reported on enrolment counts. At the undergraduate level, the Faculty of Health is projecting above target enrolments due to the large cohort of students continuing through their programs. International student enrolments have fallen below target but will hopefully rebound as travel restrictions ease. Graduate program enrolment saw a slight increase, although this was mainly due to some students exceeding their term limits.

The full-time faculty complement is at an all-time high and continues to grow as on-going searches are reaching completion. Dean McDonald has also been reviewing advancement files for faculty and commented on the many accomplishments of new colleagues. They have set a high standard of performance and shown a great deal of resiliency and creativity throughout the pandemic. Additionally, he commented on the recent recipients of CIHR award grants including Professors Wiktorowicz, Penney, Viens and Orbinski from the School of Global Health and Professors Bohr and Gicas from the Department of Psychology.

Dean McDonald commented on the student awards ceremony held in October to recognize students for their academic and leadership accomplishments. He was astonished by the caliber and character of the award recipients. Not only do the recipients boast nearly perfect GPA's and lengthy leadership and service contributions, but they are also humble, thoughtful and grateful for their dedicated instructors. He thanked faculty members and staff who took time to nominate these students and made it possible to host an event to celebrate their achievements.

He closed by thanking members for their continuing efforts during these challenging times and expressed his good fortune to work with such wonderful colleagues.

6. C4 Presentation

Professors D. Robinson and F. Newland presented to Faculty Council on the Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom (C4). The program was launched as part of an AIF project grant. C4 is comprised of interdisciplinary teams that create real-world projects driven by social impact. They explained how the program works, what types of projects have been created and provided student testimonials. Presentation materials have been posted to the Council website for review.

7. GNL Presentation

H. Balderama and M. Talla presented to Faculty Council regarding the Globally Networked Learning (GNL) program. They introduced the team that supports the program and explained that the program is an internationally shared learning experience. The GNL approach integrates multicultural and international perspectives in the classroom. The team thanked Faculty of Health colleagues who have already supported the program and continue to do so. Instructors

are encouraged to reach out to see how the GNL program can support them in launching opportunities within their classrooms. Interested faculty members may contact gnl@yorku.ca.

8. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee

R. Bishop provided the report. The three vacancies for Council positions include: Vice Chair of Council, Faculty of Health APPRC representative and Faculty of Health Representative for the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials and will remain vacant until filled. Expressions of interest can be made to Katie Hetherington.

9. Report of the Curriculum Committee

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor C. van Daalen-Smith that Council approves the minor changes to the degree requirements and certificate offered in the School of Health Policy and Management housed in the Faculty of Health, effective FW 2022-23 in the following:

- Health Policy (Specialized Honours BHS Program)
- Honours Minor in Health Policy
- Cross-Disciplinary Certificate in Health Informatics

The motion carried.

10. Report of the Graduate Committee

Professor J. Choiniere provided the report with the following item for information to Faculty Council. The Graduate Committee reviewed the updated Program Objectives/Program Learning Outcomes for the MScN Program in Nursing. The Committee unanimously approved the proposed changes.

11. Senator's Report

Professor M. Morrow provided the Senators report to Faculty Council for the October Senate meeting. The full Senate report is available on the Senate website.

Highlights of the report included:

- President Lenton acknowledged the following appointments:
 - D. Zwick, Dean of Schulich School of Business
 - G. Binsted, Deputy Provost of Markham Campus
 - J. Mapa, Adjunct Professor
 - S. Dion, Associate Vice-President Indigenous Initiatives
- The President's Report also included
 - highlights from the President's 2020-2021 Annual Report
 - The prioritization of the health and safety of the community and that the University will continue to follow health and safety officials for the return to campus academic activities for Winter term
 - Progress made to key projects at Markham, Keele and Glendon campuses
 - Progress on equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives across the university
- Executive Committee report highlights include: monitoring the impact of the pandemic on activities; approval of Senate Committee members; 2021-2022 priorities and update on membership

- ASCP and Senate approved the use of Duolingo as an approved English language placement tool
- ASCP reported on 2021-2022 priorities, initial review of proposals for Markham campus programming and update on membership
- APPRC reported on 2021-2022 priorities; report to Senate on Markham campus planning and update on membership

12. Other Business

There was no other business

The meeting adjourned.

R. Bishop, Secretary

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

1. Call for Nominations

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:

<https://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/academic-policy-planning-and-research-committee/>

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:

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

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

Chris Ardern, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

ITEM FOR ACTION (2):

1. School of Health Policy & Management

Change to Graduate Program/Graduate Diploma Academic Requirements Proposal
Form: CRITICAL DISABILITY STUDIES

The Graduate Committee recommends that Council approves the following two minor changes in the Critical Disability Studies Program, effective Fall 2022:

- To change GS CDIS 5120 3.0 Critical Disability Law from a required course to an elective.
- Revise CDS' admission requirements regarding the number of recommendation letters for admission files. CDS will change the requirement from three letters of recommendation to two moving forward.

Rationale:

As outlined in the Changes to Graduate Program/Graduate Diploma Academic Requirements Form, the Critical Disability Studies has proposed two minor changes with the accompanying rationale:

1. To change GS CDIS 5120 3.0 Critical Disability Law from a required course to an elective.

The change is a response to the 2020 -2021 CDS cyclical program review to address content barriers and curriculum relevancy for all student research areas in disability. This change will support timely graduation for MA students.

2. Revise CDS' admission requirements regarding the number of recommendation letters for admission files. CDS will change the requirement from three letters of recommendation to two moving forward.

Reference letters, though naturalized and routine to academic admission cycles, may conceal bias that skews the composition of the graduate student body. Moreover, their use should be weighed against the faculty labour required to write them (in multiple formats for multiple audiences) and acknowledge that reference requests tend to fall unevenly on some faculty more than others.