



York University
Faculty of Health Council

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2022
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

Agenda

1. Chair's Remarks
2. Business arising from the minutes
3. **Winter Reopening Plan**, Parissa Safai, Special Advisor to the President for Academic Continuity Planning and COVID-19 Response
4. Dean's Remarks
5. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee
6. Report of the Curriculum Committee
7. Report of the Graduate Committee
8. Senator's Report
9. 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 12, 2022

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, March 2, 2022
- Wednesday, April 6, 2022
- Wednesday, May 4, 2022

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Virtual Meeting - ZOOM
Minutes**

Attendance: F. Ahmad, L. Appel, C. Ardern, I. Aslam, S. Babra, M. Barranti, A. Belcastro, A. Berthelot-Raffard, M. Bertram, S. Bowerman, C. Buick, V. Cassar, S. Chinworth, J. Choiniere, T. Cleworth, J. Connolly, F. Dastjerdi, A. De Lisio, J. Drake, M. Elsayed Elghobashy, S. Evans, O. Eyawo, K. Fallon, L. Feldstein, K. Fergus, J. Fraser-Thomas, L. Gagliese, T. George, J. Goldberg, P. Govender, M. Hamadeh, M. Herbert, S. Hillier, J. Hurley, L. Hynes, V. Jamnik, H. Jenkin, E. Jensen, A. Josse, A. Khalid, C. Kurtz-Landy, R. Lenton, L. Lum, S. MacDonald, A. Macpherson, C. Mallette, P. McDonald, B. Meisner, T. Mgwigwi, G. Mochizuki, G. Mohammad, A. Moore, S. Moradian, M. Morrow, M. Mosher, S. Murtha, K. Parr, K. Pedernal, T. Penney, A. Petro, L. Philipps, A. Phillips, M. Poirier, S. Premji, P. Rahimpour-Marnani, B. Richards, N. Richardson, C. Rowan, J. Ruttle, A. Sadeghi, E. Schraa, L. Sergio, L. Seto Nielsen, H. Skinner, N. Stuckless, L. van Dreumel, A.M. Viens, N. Viva Davis Halifax, J. Vostermans, J. Weiss, T. Xerri, G. Zoidl

Guests: M. Beharry, R. Bishop, F. Byrdine, A. Charnaw, F. Clarke, C. Corson, Y. Delaviz, G. Gringhuis, R. Gritsyuk, J. Hard, K. Hetherington, D. Lam, C. Lau, R. Lewin, S. Marston, C. McAulay, S. Mitchell-Hutson, A. Morgani, C. Murray, M. Verrilli, A. Wiscicka

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. Dean's Remarks

Dean McDonald welcomed Council members and wished everyone a happy new year. He reiterated that we once again have entered unprecedented times and stressed how quickly the circumstances are evolving and changing. He asked Council members to be vigilant and open to quick adaptations should the need arise. He thanked members for their ongoing flexibility and reminded them to be patient and kind with each other in daily interactions.

4. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee

R. Bishop provided the report. R. Bishop motioned, seconded by Professor A. Belcastro that the remaining meetings of Faculty Council and Standing Committees of Council continue to be conducted virtually until June 2022. The motion carried.

Professor M. Herbert was acclaimed to the position of Faculty of Health representative for the Committee on Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC). Professor J. Conder will serve during July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 while Professor Herbert is on sabbatical.

There was a call for nominations for the two remaining vacancies for Council positions: Vice Chair of Council and Faculty of Health Representative for the Sub-Committee on Honorary

Degrees and Ceremonials. These positions will remain vacant until filled. Expressions of interest can be made to Katie Hetherington.

5. Report of the Curriculum Committee

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Associate Dean S. Murtha that Council approve the establishment of the Counselling and Mental Health Disciplinary Certificate housed in the Faculty of Health, effective FW 2022-23. The motion carried.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Associate Dean S. Murtha that Council approve the minor changes to the Honours Bachelor of Science and Bachelor Science degree programs housed in the Faculty of Health, effective FW 2022-23. The motion carried.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor J. Fraser-Thomas that Council approve the minor changes to the program requirements for BA/BSc (90 credits), Honours BA/BSc (120 credits), Specialized Honours BA/BSc (120 credits) in Global Health housed in the Faculty of Health, effective FW 2022-23. The motion carried.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor M. Mosher that Council approve the minor changes to the program requirements for Honours BA/BSc (120 credits) and Specialized Honours BA/BSc (120 credits) in Kinesiology and Health Science housed in the Faculty of Health, effective FW 2022-23. The motion carried.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor L. Sergio that Council approve establishing rules for internal transfers or re-entry for students who did not make the qualifying threshold after first year, effective FW 2022-23. The motion carried.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Associate Dean S. Murtha that Council approve changes to the qualifying period and continuation requirements, effective FW 2022-23. The motion carried.

6. Senator's Report

Professor L. Appel provided the Senators report to Faculty Council for the December Senate meeting.

Highlights of the report included:

- The President's Report which addressed:
 - the prioritization of the health and safety of the community and acknowledgement that the University will continue to follow the advice of public health officials
 - the appointment of Vice-President Advancement, Susuan Gajic-Bruyca and thanks to the Acting VP Advancement, Louise Spencer
 - the re-appointment of Provost and Vice-President Academic, Lisa Philipps
 - the retirement of Vice-Provost, Students, Lucy Fromowitz
 - the Kudos report which included: Elisabeth Jensen elected as the President of the Clinical Nurse Specialist Associate of Canada and a short story written by

Lucia Gagliese appearing in *The Best Canadian Stories 2021*, a prestigious Canadian short fiction publication.

- The COU report from the October meetings was provided. The COU discussions included advocacy campaigns in support of key sector interests and sector-wide updates. There was an update provided on private universities and colleges in Ontario
- A presentation was provided by Sheila Cote-Meek, Vice-President Equity, People and Culture and Carl James, Special Advisor on Equity and Representation on the Framework and Action Plan on Black Inclusion
- Senate approved the ASCP recommendation to establish Health System Management and Health Data Analytics in MA and PhD degree programs in Health, effective FW2022-2023
- The Executive Committee report included: the continued monitoring of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on academic activities; consideration of a hortative motion to have Senate express its opinion on the Anti-Black Racism Framework and the Action Plan on Black Inclusion; and discussions of the mode of delivery for Senate meetings going forward
- The APPRC report included the monthly update on the Markham Campus planning; ongoing monitoring of the UAP implementation; discussions with the President regarding the development of a proposal for a medical school; and discussions with the Vice-President Research and Innovation on the Report from the YU Task Force on AI and Society
- The ASCP reported on review of proposal for curricular programming at the Markham Campus and approval of several minor modifications to curriculum

The full report is available on the Senate and Faculty Council websites for review.

7. Budget Consultation

President Lenton thanked Council for making time for the consultation on the Council agenda and welcomed Council members to a new year. She provided Council with the context of the need for the consultations and the need to understand the spectrum of priorities for each Faculty. She discussed some of the challenges that will be forth-coming including government support and the need to find opportunities for growth specifically in enrolment numbers for health related fields given the current circumstances.

Provost Philipps provided an update on spending and how it aligned with the UAP. There was discussion on how the consultations last year clearly indicated the need to focus on deferred maintenance while the prevalent theme this year is digital transformation. The other areas/needs did not disappear, but the focus was shifted to digital supports given the nature of the remote learning environment. Provost Philipps also discussed the faculty complement and its continued growth.

Vice-President Finance McAulay spoke about the need to place funding into the virtual environments including SAVY, cyber-security and tech/classroom renewal projects. She stressed that some of the budget assumptions that were made when the budget was prepared will likely need to be updated. She also discussed that some deferred maintenance projects for on-campus upgrades were able to be fast-tracked or prioritized over others.

Council members had questions following the consultation:

- The use of space on campus including upgrades and maintenance for existing space and creating flexible spaces where students, faculty and staff can interact rather than being dispersed across campus.
- Discussions regarding SMA4 metrics. The President and Provost reiterated that discussions are still ongoing with the SMA3 so the discussion has not moved past the issues that are being discussed in SMA3.
- The need to address not only the current nursing shortages but also the need to address the challenges of recruiting and retaining appropriate faculty to teach in the School of Nursing.
- Discussion and prioritization of space for experiential education opportunities with Indigenous partners including land-based learning.
- Accessibility needs when addressing the maintenance of existing campus buildings and how these needs are being considered.
- How HH faculty can support and consult to produce a healthy campus beyond what efforts are already being made.

8. 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
February 2022

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 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) 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

ITEMS FOR ACTION (3):

1. School of Nursing

Addition of undergraduate streams option for 4-year Direct Entry, 2nd Entry and Post-RN Internationally Educated Nurses BScN Programs • School of Nursing • Faculty of Health

The Curriculum Committee recommends,

That Council approves the establishment of two additional undergraduate streams as options in the 4-Year Direct Entry, 2nd Entry, and Post-RN Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) BScN Programs, effective FW 2022-23.

Rationale:

As outlined in the full proposal, provided as Appendix A, there are several major internal and external influences that are driving the proposed additions to the revised BScN undergraduate programs at the School of Nursing (SON). The addition of streams as options are needed to:

- provide students the opportunity and curricular structure to branch to an area of practice that is of interest to them and that can facilitate their transition to employment and that aligns with the University definition of an 'undergraduate stream';
- attract applicants to the BScN programs in a competitive market; and
- reflect stakeholders' feedback and community needs for professional currency and relevancy of the undergraduate programs by addressing the growing areas of health human resource crisis within focused areas of practice which have become priority for stakeholders including Ministry of Health.

2. Neuroscience

Minor changes to the degree requirements for the Specialized Honours Bachelor of Science Neuroscience Degree • Faculty of Health

The Curriculum Committee recommends:

That Council approves adding courses to the Systems Neuroscience Stream, effective FW 2022-23:

Rationale:

As outlined in the full proposal, provided as Appendix B, the additional courses provide more options for students in the System Neuroscience Stream which aligns and expands the breadth of the topics in neuroscience, while meeting the learning objectives of the program.

3. School of Global Health

Change of course rubric to courses in the degree requirements to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degree Programs • School of Global Health • Faculty of Health

The Curriculum Committee recommends:

That Council approves changing the existing rubric IHST (Interdisciplinary Health Studies) to Global Health (GH), Global Health, effective FW 2022-23:

Rationale:

As outlined in the full proposal, provided as Appendix C, the new rubric "GH" was chosen to mark the transition of Global Health from an undergraduate program not housed in any home unit, to a School. Previously, Global Health courses were delivered by faculty drawn from the four, original units in the Faculty of Health; hence, the rubric, "interdisciplinary health studies" (IHST). As a School, Global Health has its own faculty appointed for their expertise in this field; hence, the rubric, "GH," which more directly and intuitively reflects the curriculum. The GH rubric will make it easier for students and faculty to identify courses that belong to the Global Health programs.

ITEM FOR ACTION:

1. School of Nursing

Course Change Proposal • School of Nursing • Faculty of Health

The Graduate Committee recommends that Council approves the retirement of the following three courses in the Graduate program in Nursing in the School of Nursing, effective Winter 2022:

- NURS 5250 3.0: Families and Communication in Healthcare Contexts
- NURS 5170 3.0: Processes of Knowledge Development in Nursing Science
- NURS 5140 3.0: Remembering the Body and Its Expressive Presence in Nursing

Rationale:

The Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) program is built upon three foci: Advanced Practice, Teaching-Learning, and Leadership. As part of an ongoing effort to ensure that the electives offered align with these foci in addition to the expertise of Nursing faculty, and current knowledge, these courses were identified as either overlapping with content from other available courses, or no longer in line with current nursing practice and in need of substantial updating. Consultation with the Graduate Committee confirmed that these courses were redundant, and that expiring these courses would have no impact on the curriculum. Furthermore, there is currently no one available to teach these courses: two of these courses were never offered (NURS 5140 3.0 and 5170 3.0), and one had not been taught since 2010 (NURS 5250 3.0), prior to substantive revision of the Graduate Program.