

**York University  
Faculty of Health Council**

**Notice of Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025  
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
HYBRID – Senate Chamber, Ross N940 & Zoom**

**Agenda**

- 1. Chair’s Remarks**
- 2. Business arising from the minutes**
- 3. School of Medicine Presentation, Chris Perry**
- 4. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee, Tali Boritz**
  - **School of Medicine Vote:** Approval to establish a School of Medicine as a new academic unit within the Faculty of Health at York University.
  - **2025 -2026 Elections**
- 5. Dean's Remarks**
- 6. Report of the Graduate Committee, Sean Hillier**
- 7. Senator’s Report: March 2025**
- 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 March 5, 2025

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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.

**2024-2025 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm–4:30pm:**

- Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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

Faculty of Health  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
Wednesday, March 5, 2025  
Hybrid Meeting: Senate Chamber Ross N940 and ZOOM

Minutes

Attendance: M. Aitken, A. Al-Habbobi, Y. Bohr, T. Boritz, S. Bowerman, A. Brankley, D. Brown Jr, A. Chum, T. Cleworth, R. Coatsworth-Puspoky, T. Daly, F. Dastjerdi, A. Day, A. De Lisio, J. Eastwood, J. Ehiagwina, S. Evans, O. Eyawo, M. Fox, J. Fraser-Thomas, V. Geer, J. Goldberg, R. Gunter, R. Haghiri-Vijeh, M. Hamadeh, M. Herbert, S. Hillier, L. Hynes, V. Jamnik, C. Kurtz Landy, L. Lamarche, N. Lewis, A. Macpherson, A. Mapp, B. Meisner, T. Mgwigwi, A. Moore, S. Murtha, L. Nicholson, R. Ophir, B. Oraziotti, M. Orlando, K. Page-Cutrara, A. Paul, L. Pierce, M. Poirier, H. Rana, J. Rawana, N. Richardson, C. Rowan, P. Safai, N. Sangiuliano, L. Sergio, M. Singh, M. Smith, H. Tamim, P. Tsasis, C. van Daalen-Smith, L. van Dreumel, A.M. Viens, J. Weiss, B. Weobong, N. Wilson

Guests: M. Amalathas, B. Ashour, M. Beharry, P. Calderon-Valdivia, A. Charnaw, C.L. Cheng, C. Corson, J. Fung, J. Hard, K. Hetherington, E.Liang, E. Marston, S. Marston, H. Maunder, J. McGillivray, S. Mitchell-Hutson, C. Murray, O. Onalaja, M. Pogorzelski, K. Russell, V. Thomas, V. Thompson

**1. Chair's remarks**

A. Moore welcomed members and explained how the meeting would be conducted in a hybrid setting.

**2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**3. Dean's Remarks**

Vice-Dean Page-Cutrara welcomed Council members.

She opened her remarks by notifying Council members that there are plans to move ahead with the Statutory Motion for the School of Medicine at the upcoming Senate meetings which will mean that a vote is also forth-coming for the Faculty of Health Council. She noted that townhall meetings had been held with undergraduate students and staff and that additional townhall meetings are being scheduled for graduate students and the Colleges communities.

Vice-Dean Page-Cutrara stated that budget consultations are underway with the university. She thanked all council members and staff who are involved with this process.

Lastly, she acknowledged the Faculties of the Future report and noted some of the themes that had emerged pertaining to the Faculty of Health.

She concluded the remarks by providing kudos and acknowledgements.

#### **4. Report of the Executive & Planning Committee**

Professor T. Boritz provided the report. There was one item which required a vote from Council and one item for information.

T. Boritz motioned, seconded by K. Page-Cutrara that Council approves the revisions made to the Committee Mandates and Terms of Reference of the Standing Committees of Council. The motion carried.

T. Boritz noted that call for nominations is now open for the 2025-2026 Faculty Council vacancies including: Vice Chair of Council, at-large member of the Executive & Planning Committee, Faculty of Health Senators and Faculty of Health Senate representative on the Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials. Nominations and/or expressions of interest for the Council vacancies can be made to the [hhcouncil@yorku.ca](mailto:hhcouncil@yorku.ca) account before March 19, 2025. Elections will take place at the April 2025 meeting.

#### **5. Report of the Curriculum Committee**

Professor C. Rowan provided the report. There were 5 items which required a vote from Council.

Professor C. Rowan motioned, seconded by K. Page-Cutrara that Council approves adding the Global Mental Health stream to the Global Health specialized honours BA and BSc degree programs housed in the School of Global Health, set out as Appendix A, effective FW 2025-26. The motion carried.

Professor C. Rowan motioned, seconded by M. Herbert that Council approves changes to the stream credit requirements, adding stream electives and changing a stream name to the Global Health specialized honours BA and BSc degree programs housed in the School of Global health, set out as Appendix B, effective FW 2025-26. The motion carried.

Professor C. Rowan motioned, seconded by H. Rana that Council approves the establishment of the Certificate in Social Justice and Community Engagement: Sport, Physical Activity & Health housed in the School of Kinesiology and Health Science, set out as Appendix C, effective FW 2025-26. The motion carried.

Professor C. Rowan motioned, seconded by M. Herbert that Council approves adding the Nursing Leadership and Care of the Older Adult stream option to the in the BScN degree programs (4-Year Direct Entry, 2nd Entry, and Post-RN Internationally Educated Nurses) housed in the School of Nursing, set out as Appendix D, effective FW 2025-26. The motion carried.

Professor C. Rowan motioned, seconded by B. Meisner that Council approves adding a CO-OP option to all the undergraduate degree programs in the School of Global Health, School of Health Policy and Management, School of Kinesiology and Health Science, and Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Health, set out as Appendix E, effective FW 2025-26. The motion carried.

**6. Senator's Report: February 2025**

In lieu of an in-person Senator's report for February 2025, a link to the Senate synopsis was provided online and Council members were encouraged to review the materials. Questions pertaining to Senate items can be directed to the Faculty Council email for further follow-up.

**7. Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned.

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J. Fung, Council Secretary

**Report of the Executive and Planning Committee  
of the Faculty of Health  
April 2025**

**1. School of Medicine Vote**

The Executive and Planning Committee recommends the approval to establish a School of Medicine as a new academic unit within the Faculty of Health at York University at the April Faculty Council.

**2. Update to Rules & Procedures of Council**

The Executive and Planning Committee would like to notify Council that they are conducting a review of the Rules and Procedures of Faculty of Health Council and intend to bring forward revisions to the existing Rules and Procedures of Council at an upcoming meeting. Materials will be posted in advance of the meeting and Council members will be notified that these revisions are forthcoming.

**3. Call for Nominations**

Processes to fill vacancies on Standing Committees of Council will begin shortly in Schools/Departments. Please connect with your nominating committee for more information.

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

- Vice-Chair of Council
- At-large member of the Executive & Planning Committee
- Faculty of Health Senators
- Faculty of Health Senate representative on the Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials

**a) Vice-Chair of Council**

Vice-Chair of Faculty of Health Council (two-year term, July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 – 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) 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, 2025 - June 30, 2027).

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 at-large member of the Executive and Planning Committee.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

**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

Director, School of Global Health

College Head, 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**

Karen Fergus, Department of Psychology

**Outgoing at-large member\***

Godfred Boateng, School of Global Health

\*The two members who are elected at-large by Council shall not be from the same School/Department.

**c) Faculty of Health Senator (2 vacancies)**

Faculty of Health Senator (three-year term of office, July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028)

See <http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/> for more information.

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 Senator.

Additional Nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

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):**

Mazen Hamadeh, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

Celina Da Silva, School of Nursing

Mathieu Poirier, School of Global Health/School of Kinesiology and Health Science

Benedict Weobong, School of Global Health

Marina Morrow, School of Health Policy and Management

John Eastwood, Department of Psychology

**Outgoing Senate members:**

Peter Tsisis, School of Health Policy and Management

Oghenowede Eyawo, School of Global Health/School of Kinesiology and Health Science

**d) Faculty of Health Designated Seat on Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials**

Three-year term of office, July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028.

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 for Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.



For more information, please visit:

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

**Outgoing Faculty of Health Representative for Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials:**

Catriona Buick, School of Nursing

**Graduate Committee Report  
Faculty of Health Council  
April 2, 2025**

The Graduate Committee would like to provide the following items to Faculty Council for approval. The Graduate Committee reviewed the following requests and approved them. The rationale has been included below with the full reports mounted on the Faculty Council website.

**Department of Psychology**

**Item #1**

**Change to Program - Clinical MA Psychology Degree**

The Graduate Committee recommends that Council approves the following changes to course requirements for the Clinical MA Psychology Degree. Close two courses, six credits each - PSYC 6420 and PSYC 6430 to be replaced by four three-credit courses- PSYC 6421, PSYC 6422, PSYC 6432 and PSYC 6432. This change is effective Fall 2025.

- PSYC 6420 6.0 (***Human Neuropsychology History and Syndrome***) will no longer be a requirement of **the Clinical program; instead, PSYC 6421 3.0 (Foundations of Clinical Psychology: Biopsychosocial Formulations) and PSYC 6422 3.0 (Foundations: Psychopathology and Personality)** will now be required.
- PSYC 6430 6.0 (***Assessment in Psychology***) will not be requirement for the Clinical program, it will now be replaced by **PSYC 6431 3.0 (Cognitive Assessment) and PSYC 6432 3.0 (Personality Assessment)** will now be required.

Rationale: Two full-year courses were split into half to reflect how they were being taught (by two different instructors and with different topics between the Fall and Winter terms). Occasionally, students might be exempt from one of the half courses because they have taken an equivalent course from another program. The program can now waive the half course a student does not need to take rather than requiring them to take a full-year course that is partially redundant with a previous course on their transcript. As well, individual instructors can assign a final grade for the half course rather than averaging their final grades.

**Course Closure of PSYC 6420 6.0 - *Foundations of Clinical Psychology***

Close PSYC 6420, it is replaced by PSYC 6421 3.0 (***Foundations of Clinical Psychology A: Psychotic and Neurological Disorders***) and PSYC 6422 3.0 (***Foundations of Clinical Psychology***) will now be required.

Rationale: The full-year course titled: Foundations of Clinical Psychology, PSYC 6420 6.0 will be replaced by the following two single semester courses taught sequentially: **Foundations of Clinical Psychology A: Psychotic and Neurological Disorders (PSYC 6421 3.0);** and **Foundations of Clinical Psychology B (PSYC 6422 3.0):** Personality and Psychopathology.<sup>1</sup> For many years, the two halves of PSYC 6420 6.0 have been taught by a different course director for

each half, respectively, and each half used a different though complementary course outline. The differing course outlines reflected that each half of the course covered different topics. The final grade in the course required the course directors to meet and agree on a grade for each student that represented demonstrated learning in the overall course. This practice was awkward as neither professor would have witnessed the student's participation throughout the entire course. The two halves of the course were functionally two separate but related courses and ought to be identified and treated as such for the sake of both the students and the course director(s).

**Course Closure - PSYC 6430 - Assessment in Psychology**

Close PSYC 6430, it is replaced by **PSYC 6431 – Cognitive Assessment** and **PSYC 6432 – Personality Assessment**.

Rationale: The full-year course titled: Assessment in Psychology, PSYC 6430 6.0 will be replaced by the following two single semester courses taught sequentially: **Cognitive Assessment (PSYC 6431 3.0)** and **Personality Assessment (PSYC 6432 3.0)**. For many years the two halves of PSYC 6430 6.0 have been taught by a different course director for each half respectively, and each half used a different though complementary course outline. The differing course outlines reflected that each half of the course covered different topics. The final grade in the course required the course directors to meet and agree on a grade for each student that represented demonstrated learning in the overall course. This practice was awkward as neither professor would have witnessed the student's participation throughout the entire course. The two halves of the course were functionally two separate but related courses and ought to be identified and treated as such for the sake of both the students and the course director(s). The contents of the two proposed half courses complement each other in terms of collectively achieving the original intent of educating the students on Assessment in Psychology

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**Item #2**

**Minor Program Modifications - Social-Personality Graduate Program in Psychology**

The Graduate Committee recommends that the Council approves the minor program modification for the Social Personality Graduate Program - dropping the requirement of one 3.0 elective. This change was implemented two years ago, but did not appear in the course calendar. This change will be reflected in the Fall 2025 calendar.

**Rationale:**

The Social-Personality area conducts a year-end survey of our graduate students each year to understand what they see as the strengths of our program and what they believe could be improved upon. Every year, we receive positive feedback with respect to the research opportunities and experiences; however, each year many students also note that the heavy course requirements in our program limits the time that they have to devote to research and to developing a competitive publication record. The students' impression is that comparable research-intensive Canadian programs have a lighter course load, which provides students at other institutions with more time to conduct research and which can ultimately result in those students being more competitive on the academic job market

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**Item #3****Minor Changes - Graduate Program - *Clinical Neuropsychology Stream***

The Graduate Committee recommends that the Council approves the following change to course requirements for Graduate Program – Clinical Neuropsychology stream: remove requirement for PSYC 6320 - *Human Neuropsychology: History and Syndromes* –as a course requirement, as students take a History of Psychology course already (PSYC 6020 or 6030) and either PSYC 6450 - *Principles of Neuropsychological Assessment* (if they enter from the Adult Clinical Area) OR PSYC 6945 *Applied Paediatric Neuropsychology* (if they enter from the Clinical Developmental Area). Close PSYC 6320 as it is not a required course. This change will be effective Fall 2025.

Rationale: The proposal is to drop PSYC 6320 3.0 Human Neuropsychology: History and Syndromes as a course that is required by all students in the Neuropsychology Stream. The rationale is three-fold: 1) the course content is covered in the other required courses in the stream, including PSYC 6450 3.0 Principles of Neuropsychological Assessment and PSYC 6945 3.0 Applied Paediatric Neuropsychology; 2) the students were reporting heavy course loads, as the Neuropsychology Stream had two extra courses on top of the elective slots used for the assessment and neuroanatomy courses; and 3) in consultations with the Canadian Psychological Association and the College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts of Ontario in 2023 the requirement for training in History of Psychology is in general history of the discipline, not neuropsychology specific history.

The reduction will not have an impact on the students' ability to gain registration in neuropsychology, and will not affect the accreditation of the program. The decrease in course load will aid in the students completing the program requirements on time.

**Course Closure – PSYC 6320 - *Human Neuropsychology: History and Syndromes***

Close PSYC 6320 as the content is covered in other PSYC courses: PSYC 6450 - *Principles of Neuropsychological Assessment* and PSYC 6945 *Applied Paediatric Neuropsychology*.

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