

York University
Faculty of Health Council

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
HYBRID – Senate Chamber, Ross N940 & 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. Library Supports for Grant Funded Research Projects, Sarah Coysh & Kris Joseph
6. 2024 – 2028 Strategic Plan Communications Campaign “Building A Healthy World For All” , Dean Peters
7. Senator’s Report: March 2024
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 6, 2024
2. Report of the Graduate Committee

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.

2023-2024 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm–4:30pm:

- Wednesday, May 1, 2024

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Hybrid Meeting: Senate Chamber Ross N940 and ZOOM

Minutes

Attendance: F. Ahmad, C. Ardern, I. Aslam, M. Barranti, A. Belcastro, G. Binstead, G. Boateng, S. Bowerman, D. Brown, C. Buick, K. Campbell, J. Choiniere, A. Chum, T. Cleworth, R. Coatsworth Puspoky, J. Connolly, C. Da Silva, A. Daftary, T. Daly, F. Dastjerdi, C. El Morr, S. Evans, O. Eyawo, J. Fraser-Thomas, R. Gastrock, T. George, J. Goldberg, R. Gunter, M. Hamadeh, L. Hayhurst, M. Herbert, S. Hillier, J. Hurley, V. Jamnik, A. Josse, L. Lamarche, L. Lum, S. MacDonald, J. MacDonnell, C. Mallette, J. Martin, P. McDonald, T. Mgwigwi, A. Moore, S. Moradian, M. Morrow, J. Nabarreti, Y. Nakamura, A. Narimani, L. Nicholson, B. Oraziatti, J. Orbinski, K. Page Cutrara, M. Paris, A. Pathak, A. Paul, K. Pederal, T. Penney, A. Perry, D. Peters, A. Phillips, M. Poirier, J. Rawana, N. Richardson, R. Robbio, F. Root, C. Rowan, Am. Sadeghi, E. Schraa, L. Sergio, L. Seto Nielsen, S. Singh, N. Stuckless, C. van Daalen-Smith, L. van Dreumel, R. Venkatesa Perumal, A.M. Viens, N. viva Davis Halifax

Guest: M. Beharry, T. Bhoola, F. Billingsley, R. Bishop, D. Burrell P. Calderon-Valdivia, A. Charnaw, S. Cheung, F. Clarke, Y. Delaviz, G. DiLorenzo, L. Facey, J. Fung, A. Furlano, G. Gringhuis, J. Hard, T. Hasan, K. Hetherington, S. Koch, J. McGillivray, S. Mitchell Hutson, C. Murray, S. Nikfar, T. Osborne, A. Ozog, S. Pereira, M. Pogorzelski, K. Russell, M. Saad, A. Stypka, J. Sundaramoorthy, K. 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

Dean Peters welcomed Council members and thanked colleagues for their patience and goodwill during these difficult times. He spoke briefly regarding the importance of providing timely information and flexibility with constantly changing schedules throughout the labour disruption.

In terms of the Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations, he noted that the government's response was underwhelming and that there was a focus on savings measures including a three-year tuition freeze. However, there was an increase in grant funding which was not previously accounted for.

He noted that there would be a proposal coming soon for an Interprofessional Health program from the School of Health Policy and Management, and he thanked them for this initiative.

Dean Peters acknowledged that this would be the final Council meeting for former Dean, P. McDonald who will be retiring in April. He thanked P. McDonald for the guidance and council he provided during the transition. Additionally, Dean Peters welcomed the new advancement officer, J. McGillivray.

Dean Peters finished his remarks with kudos and acknowledgements.

Report of the Executive and Planning Committee
R. Bishop provided the report.

There was a call for nominations for the 2024-2025 position vacancies including: Vice Chair of Council, at-large member of the Executive & Planning Committee, Faculty of Health Senators and Faculty of Health APPRC representative. Nominations and/or expressions of interest for the Council vacancies can be made to K. Hetherington via email before March 20, 2024. Elections will take place at the April 2024 meeting.

4. Report of the Curriculum Committee

Professor C. Rowan motioned, seconded by Professor A. Belcastro, that Council approves the changes to the practicum (PKIN) requirements for students starting in the major prior to Fall 2024 in the BA and BSc Kinesiology degree programs, as set out in Appendix A, effective FW 2024-25. The motion carried.

5. Presentation: FGS Graduate Supervisory Hub

C. van Daalen-Smith, Associate Dean Academic for Graduate Studies and T. Bhoola, Program Manager of the Graduate Supervisory Support Hub addressed Council to discuss the establishment of a graduate supervisory hub via the Academic Innovation Fund. They provided context regarding the program including priorities and goals and the type of service and support that can be provided.

Some of the consultation discussion included the following items:

- Considerations regarding the timelines to complete the program requirements. Often natural delays or considerations for extenuating circumstances are not built into the completion timelines.
- There may be new standards coming forward regarding accreditation that may need to be considered.
- Students with disabilities may require considerations due to episodic circumstances that would not have been forecast at the time the student entered the program.
- Considerations for the various types of research accommodations that may be required for example, lab-based vs community-based outreach research.

The full-slide deck and questions for consultation are posted the Council website. Further comments and feedback can be provided to C. van Daalen-Smith and T. Bhoola via email at fgsadacd@yorku.ca and tbhoola@yorku.ca

6. Presentation: Academic Scheduling Initiatives

F. Billingsley addressed Council to discuss the results of the Ad Astra Report. She provided some context for the report and addressed the nature of Rooms Allocated Centrally (RAC space) and spaces that are not allocated centrally (non-RAC). She discussed the impact of the classroom renewal project which has also raised some unexpected new issues.

There was discussion about the need for a scheduling policy which would provide guiding principles for use of space and booking allocations. She noted some of the oversights that occur when there is no formalized policy including: no built-in break between class-scheduling and requests for out-of-block RAC spaces which impacts the overall schedule for the remainder of the day.

She noted that the goal of the presentation and consultation was to make stakeholders aware of the data that exists for their units and to find ways to make the space work both centrally and at the unit level.

Discussion questions included:

- Where does pedagogy fit into the guiding principles? How do blended courses fit into the guiding principles? If units are focused on providing community experiences how do those fit into the scheduling?
- Having the same course located in two different rooms during the teaching week becomes an issue for students with disabilities and can negatively impact learning.
- With the increase in blended course offerings, there are many scheduled yet unused rooms throughout the semester.
- In-person courses where instructors record/post lectures online often experience empty seats despite registrations indicating the class is at capacity.
- Scheduling of SU courses for 1-year MA programs poses enrolment issues when the full availability of course offerings is unavailable to them.
- Given that the Faculty of Health has large student-to-instructor ratios, is this a consideration in providing priority timeslots for the largest classrooms?
- If professors experience an issue with a classroom, they need to provide feedback. Each time the OUR receives feedback, the RAC system becomes more robust.
- Are professor's schedules considered when booking their room allocations (e.g., some teach back-to-back lectures in two separate buildings).
- When the Faculty was established, Health was allocated buildings which did not have non-RAC space or had non-RAC space that was allocated to other faculties. Currently, Health has limited ability to utilize its own space for non-typical instruction needs – will this be part of data collection and a potential factor in assigning RAC rooms?
- If a class is placed in a traditional classroom that is not conducive to discussion/conversation for seminar level courses, is there a solution?

T. Osborne indicated that there is a UIT website available to provide a list of images and detailed information about the classrooms on campus. <https://www.yorku.ca/uit/faculty-staff-services/teaching-research-computing/classroom-technology/?repeat=w3tc>

7. Senator's Report

In lieu of an in-person report, the Senate Synopsis for February 2024 meeting has been posted to the Council website.

The full report is available on the Council website.

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
April 2024

1. 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 APPRC Member

a) Vice-Chair of Council

Vice-Chair of Faculty of Health Council (two-year term, July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026 – 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, 2024 - June 30, 2026).

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
Godfred Boateng, School of Global Health

Outgoing at-large member*
Michael Rotondi, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

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

- c) Faculty of Health Senator (3 vacancies)
Faculty of Health Senator (three-year term of office, July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027)
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 received one nomination for the position of Faculty of Health Senator:

Nominees:
Benedict Weobong, School of Global Health

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):

Peter Tsasis, School of Health Policy and Management
Oghenowede Eyawo, School of Global Health/School of Kinesiology and Health Science
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

Outgoing Senate members:

Brad Meisner, School of Kinesiology and Health Science
Alison Macpherson, School of Kinesiology and Health Science
Lora Appel, School of Health Policy and Management

- d) Faculty of Health Designated Seat on The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (1 vacancy)
Three-year term of office, July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027.

For more information, please visit:

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

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 the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

Outgoing Faculty of Health APPRC member:

Monique Herbert, Department of Psychology

**Graduate Committee Report
Faculty of Health Council
April 3, 2024**

The Graduate Committee would like to provide the following item to Faculty Council for information. The Committee has reviewed and approved the following award.

Name of Award: Newcomer Health Scholars Award

Guidelines

The **Newcomers Health Scholars Award** was established to support graduate students in the Faculty of Health at York University who arrived in Canada within the last five years (5) (since 2019) with refugee or immigrant status. Preference will be given to students who attended post-secondary or secondary institutions in Afghanistan prior to pursuing their graduate studies at York.

This award is made possible by a generous donation of \$5,000 from Prof. Harvey Skinner, the founding Dean of the Faculty of Health, as well as donations from other faculty members in the amount of \$4,217.50 and a contribution of \$5,000 from the Faculty of Health. The total funding available is \$14,217.50.

Funding is available for **four awards (of \$3,554 each)**. If needed, annual competitions will be held until four awards are given out.

Award Criteria

The Newcomers Health Scholars Award applicant must meet the following:

- At the time of application, the student must be enrolled as continuing full-time Graduate student in the Faculty of Health
- Demonstrate financial need. Student must complete [student financial profile](#) prior to submitting application to faculty.
- Meet immigration criteria of arriving in Canada as refugee or landed immigrant (since 2019).

Preference will be given to:

- Students who attended post-secondary or secondary institution in Afghanistan.
- Students impacted by conflict in Afghanistan.
- Students involved in the Afghanistan community.

Award Value:

\$3,554 per award, plus formal recognition at the annual Faculty of Health Awards Ceremony

Application Deadline: Noon May 1, 2024

Application Process:

Applicants must complete the application form (below) and submit the form together with a one-page statement that speaks to how they meet the award criteria and outline their plans after graduation to help advance positive changes in Canadian society, especially newcomers. A resume must also be submitted. The application together with attachments must be submitted as one pdf to

hlthrsch@yorku.ca

Application Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name:
Student number:
Email address:
Phone number:
Graduate program and year of study:
Name of supervisor:
Immigration status, applicants must complete this section: Refugee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes• No If yes, please indicate date landed in Canada: _____ Landed immigrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes• No If yes, please indicate date landed in Canada: _____

Full application must be submitted as one PDF to hlthrsch@yorku.ca by noon, May 1, 2024

- Copy of application form
- One page statement (address how you meet the criteria for the award and plans after graduation to help advance positive change in Canadian society, especially for newcomers)
- Resume

Student selected for funding must provide supporting documents to prove immigration status to hlthrsch@yorku.ca to receive the funding. Failure to provide proof will result in the award being rescinded.