

York University
Faculty of Health Council

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 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. Budget Consultation
Rhonda Lenton, President and Vice-Chancellor
Lisa Philipps, Provost & Vice-President Academic
Carol McAulay, Vice-President Finance & Administration
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. Lightning Talk: Exploring the Influence of Gender on Career Satisfaction
Among Surgeons, Leeat Granek, School of Health Policy & Management
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 December 6, 2023

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, February 7, 2024
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024
- Wednesday, April 3, 2024
- Wednesday, May 1, 2024

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Hybrid Meeting: Senate Chamber Ross N940 and ZOOM

Minutes

Attendance: F. Ahmad, M. Aitken, C. Ardern, I. Aslam, M. Barranti, A. Belcastro, A. Berthelot-Raffard, G. Binstead, G. Boateng, S. Bowerman, C. Buick, K. Campbell, J. Check, J. Choiniere, A. Chum, T. Cleworth, J. Connolly, R. da Silveira Gorman, A. Daftary, T. Daly, M. Dastjerdi, A. Day, A. De Lisio, H. Edgell, O. Eyawo, R. Gastrock, T. George, J. Goldberg, M. Hamadeh, M. Herbert, S. Hillier, M. Hoben, J. Hurley, M. Hynie, V. Jamnik, A. Josse, A. F. Khalid, L. Lamarche, S. Lin, J. MacDonnell, C. Mallette, J. Martin, B. Meisner, G. Mochizuki, A. Moore, S. Moradian, M. Morrow, Y. Nakamura, A. Narimani, L. Nicholson, K. Page Cutrara, A. Pathak, A. Paul, K. Pedernal, T. Penney, A. Perry, C. Perry, D. Peters, A. Phillips, M. Poirier, N. Richardson, R. Robbio, C. Rowan, P. Safai, E. Schraa, N. Stuckless, C. Ukabiala, L. van Dreumel, A.M. Viens, L. Zhen

Guest, R. Bishop, D. Burrell, P. Calderon Valdivia, A. Charnaw, S. Cheung, F. Clarke, Y. Delaviz, L. Facey, J. Fung, A. Furlano, G. Gringhuis, R. Gritsyuk, J. Hard, Y. Henry, K. Hetherington, M. Pogorzelski, N. Robinson, 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. He began by acknowledging the release of the Auditor General's report and the Blue-Ribbon Panel recommendations.

He commented that budgetary discussions were ongoing and there is a need to find fiscal efficiencies. Given that the Faculty of Health fiscal model is already quite lean, it will be challenging to continue providing appropriate service and supports. In this environment, departments will need to pay close attention to course offerings and enrolments.

Dean Peters congratulated and welcomed M. Herbert to her new role as Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs and Inclusiveness.

Dean Peters provided acknowledgements and kudos.

He concluded by discussing the Faculty of Health Strategic Plan. He thanked P. Safai and acknowledged the members of the drafting team. He noted that the Strategic Plan will serve as a living document that will need to be continuously reviewed and updated as needed.

4. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee

R. Bishop provided the report.

M. Poirier was acclaimed as a Faculty of Health Senator and F. Dastjerdi was acclaimed as an at-large member of the Petitions Committee.

There was a call for nominations for current Council position vacancies including: Vice Chair of Council and one remaining at-large member on the Petitions Committee. Nominations and/or expressions of interest for the remaining Council vacancies can be made to K. Hetherington via email.

5. Report of the Curriculum Committee

Professor C. Rowan motioned, seconded by M. Hamadeh, that Council approve the establishment of a 90-Credit Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Movement and Health degree options housed in School of Kinesiology and Health Science effective FW 2024-25. The motion carried.

Professor C. Rowan motioned, seconded by M. Morrow, that Council approve changes to the major requirement of HLST 3350 3.00 and HLST 3341 3.00 in the Specialized Honours Bachelor of Health Studies degree programs housed in School Health Policy and Management effective FW 2024-25. The motion carried.

6. Community Supports and Services

VP Provost Students, N. Robinson and Y. Henry provided the presentation. N. Robinson discussed student support services and how to respond to students in distress. The presentation included an overview of the services available and directions on making referrals to community support services.

Y. Henry spoke about the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities and the Policy on Sexual Violence.

Council members asked questions pertaining classroom accessibility for students with mobility devices.

The presentation slides have been posted to the Council website for reference.

7. Faculty of Health Strategic Plan

P. Safai provided an update on the status of the Strategic Plan, providing a recap of the process leading to the final documentation. She noted what considerations were made by the drafting team when reviewing the data and feedback that was provided.

She thanked members of the drafting committee and the advisory board for their support throughout the process.

P. Safai motioned, seconded by C. Mallette that the Faculty of Health Council formally endorse the Faculty of Health Strategic Plan. The motion carried.

8. Lightning Talk

Professor C. Perry provided the presentation and answered questions from Council members.

9. Senator's Report

Senator A.M. Viens provided the November meeting report.

The President's remarks included:

- Acknowledgement of the challenging circumstances impacting the University
- Plans to address those circumstances and advance the University Academic Plan
- The release of the Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations
- The release of the Auditor General's report
- Budget updates
- Updates on the status of York's Sustainability efforts

Highlights of the Senate report included:

- Senate approval to extend the waiver of requiring an Attending Physician Statements to support petitions, appeals and deferred standing requests. This will be extended from December 31, 2023 to June 2024.
- L. Philipps reported on enrolments and faculty complement.
- Senate Executive reported on the appointment of student senators to Senate Committees, the Topics of Broad Academic Interest (TBAI) initiative and a review of the Senate Disruption Policy.
- APPRC reported on community engagement on the budget consultations.
- ASCP reported on concerns regarding phone-mounted YU cards and the challenge this poses for examinations.

The full reports are available on the Senate and Faculty Council websites for review.

10. 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
January 2024

1. Call for Nominations

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

- Vice-Chair of Council
- At-large member of the Petitions Committee (1 vacancy)

a) Vice-Chair of Council

Vice-Chair of Faculty of Health Council (two-year term, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025 – 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 Petitions Committee (1 vacancy)

One at-large seat on the Petitions Committee (two-year term of office, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025).

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 seat on the Petitions Committee.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

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

Current at-large member:

Fay Dastjerdi, School of Nursing

Report of the Curriculum Committee
Faculty of Health Council
January 2024

ITEM FOR ACTION:

1. School of Global Health

Changes to the requirements for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in
Global Health • School of Global Health • Faculty of Health

The Curriculum Committee recommends that Council approves the changes to
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Global housed in the School of Global and
Health, set out as Appendix A, effective FW 2024-25:

Rationale:

In response to the recommendations and approvals resulting from the recent Global
Health Cyclical Program Review, the proposed non-major modification includes minor
modification to the academic degree programs (BA & BSc) in Global Health. These
changes primarily focus on the enhancement of course pre-requisites, the
reassignment of course numbers to minimize confusion for Registrar's Office, and the
division of two courses into separate components and the re-structuring of the
practicum suite of courses for improved accessibility and student success. These
changes will not impact the program learning outcomes.

ITEM FOR INFORMATION:

1. Neuroscience

Adding a statistic course as an option for Specialized Honours Bachelor of
Science Neuroscience Degree • Faculty of Health

The Curriculum Committee recommends that Council approves adding BIOL 2060 3.00
as a statistics option in the Specialized Honours Bachelor of Science Neuroscience
degree program, set out as Appendix B, effective FW 2024-25:

Rationale:

The majors underwent an approval process, enabling students to satisfy the statistics requirement through the utilization of HH/PSYC 2021 3.00 (Statistical Methods I), HH/KINE 2050 3.00 (Analysis of Data in Kinesiology I), or SC/BIOL 2060 3.00 (Statistics for Biologists). The Faculty of Science incorporated SC/BIOL 2060 3.00 into the academic calendar as part of a curriculum revision. To be aligned with change, the addition of the course will be added to Health academic calendar.

**Graduate Committee Report
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The Graduate Committee would like to provide the following items for review and approval by Faculty Council. The Graduate Committee has reviewed the following requests and approved the following items. The rationale has been included below and the full reports have been mounted to the Faculty Council website.

Department of Psychology

New course proposal:

PSYC 6240 – Technology’s role in healthy aging

The graduate committee approved this new course proposal.

Rationale:

This course will contribute to knowledge and skills that will move the focus away from looking just at the functionality of the technology. It will contribute to developing researchers with knowledge about, for example, OA cognitive changes that impact use of technology and current attitudes towards technology. Students will develop an understanding of the impact technology could have on older adults’ self-efficacy, sense of loneliness, health, and well-being.

PSYC 6664 – Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience

The graduate committee approved this new course proposal.

Rationale:

The purpose of the course is to introduce students to Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, an interdisciplinary field of study that combines developmental psychology, cognitive development, and cognitive neuroscience. The course is designed to contribute to academic objectives of the program, with focus on the Developmental Science area. The course is related to the following sections of the Psychology Department Learning Objectives document: Depth and Breadth of Knowledge, Level of Application of Knowledge, and Levels of Communication Skills.

PSYC 6668 - Professional Issues in Developmental Psychology and Neuroscience

The graduate committee approved this new course proposal.

Rationale:

The course is designed to contribute to academic objectives of the program, with focus on the Developmental Science area within Psychology. The course is related to the following sections of the Psychology Department Learning Objectives document: Research & Scholarship, Level of Application of Knowledge, Professional Capacity/Autonomy, and Levels of Communication Skills. Quoted text below is directly from this learning objectives document.

PSYC 6001 (GS/VIS 6001) -Seminar in Vision Research

Rationale:

The course will be the cornerstone of the Collaborative Specialization in Vision Research. There are no similar courses at York. The course will contribute to successfully achieving the program learning outcome of *Synthesize links across disciplines to understand current theoretical and experimental approaches to problems in vision research from multiple perspectives.*

Major Modifications Proposal

Program: **Collaborative Graduate Specialization in Vision Research**

This proposal is for a new collaborative Graduate Specialization in Vision Research. The specialization will draw from multiple graduate programs to offer Masters and Doctoral students the opportunity to specialize and earn credentials in vision research, a cross-disciplinary area of excellence at York as exemplified in the Centre for Vision Research (CVR).

In addition to the requirements of their home graduate program, students seeking the Collaborative Graduate Specialization in Vision Research must successfully complete the following requirements:

1. GS/VIS 6001 0.0 Seminar in Vision Research
2. A research thesis or dissertation in vision research (broadly defined including visual neuroscience, visual psychophysics, visually-guided motor action, visualization, visual cognition, computer vision, image processing, visual human factors, and clinical vision science).
3. Experiential Breadth Requirement: Students must demonstrate engagement in academic and scholarly activities in vision research at York. Given the broad interdisciplinary background of our students this requirement will be met by at least one major activity such as a leadership role at the CVR summer school, presentation at the CVR conference, industry practicum or internship, or project in another vision-related laboratory.

Rationale:

The collaborative specialization is the most appropriate format for this credential, as it respects, and does not detract from, the robust requirements of the associated degree programs. In addition, it also supports those students who also choose to pursue a concurrent graduate diploma. The specialization enables this flexibility by providing a very concentrated path of study that will serve students well post-graduation given the various credential options available to them. This well-defined and externally visible credential can also benefit recruitment to both the specialization area and the associated graduate programs.

Minor Course Modifications

School of Health Policy and Management

HLTH 5050- New course title - Theories and Quantitative Techniques for Decision Making in Health

Previous Title: Perspective in Decision Making & Information Systems

The graduate committee approved the change in course title and related changes to course description.

Rationale:

The Health Graduate Program has started the new field of Health System Management and Health Data Analytics and the first cohort joined in September 2023. To better prepare students for the new field, the title of the course and content has been updated. The objectives of the course are not changed.

HLTH 6230 – New course title – Health Equity: Theory and Concepts for Policy Analysis

Previous title – Health Equity Analytic Orientation

The graduate committee approved the change in course title and related changes to course description.

Rationale:

The proposed course description complies with new space limits (60 words) and accurately describes the variety of theoretical and conceptual approaches that are explored during the semester. There is no change in learning objectives.