

**York University
Faculty of Health Council**

Notice of Meeting

**Wednesday, February 7, 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. Report of the Curriculum Committee**
- 6. Presentation: Discover York Academics**, Jennifer Steeves and Anna Kajor
- 7. Presentation: Colleges at 2025 Update**, Jennine Rawana and the Colleges Team
- 8. Senator’s Report:**
 - January 18, 2024 – Special Meeting – Auditor General Report
 - January 2024 – Senate Meeting
- 9. Other Business**
 - Call for Nominations – Honoric Professorships

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 10, 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, March 6, 2024
- Wednesday, April 3, 2024
- Wednesday, May 1, 2024

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
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. Boateng, S. Bowerman, C. Buick, K. Campbell, J. Choiniere, A. Chum, R. Coatsworth Puspoky, J. Connolly, A. Daftary, T. Daly, A. Day, H. Edgell, O. Eyawo, K. Fergus, R. Gastrock, L. Ginsburg, J. Goldberg, L. Granek, M. Hamadeh, L. Harris, M. Herbert, S. Hillier, M. Hynie, V. Jamnik, H. Jenkin, A. Josse, A. F. Khalid, L. Lum, S. MacDonald, J. MacDonnell, A. Macpherson, R. Malekzadeh, C. Mallette, A. Mapp, B. Meisner, T. Mgwigwi, G. Mochizuki, A. Moore, S. Moradian, M. Morrow, Y. Nakamura, A. Narimani, L. Nicholson, B. Oraziotti, K. Page Cutrara, A. Paul, K. Pedernal, A. Perry, D. Peters, L. Philipps, M. Poirier, J. Rawana, R. Robbio, M. Rotondi, C. Rowan, M. Russell, P. Safai, L. Sergio, N. Stuckless, C. van Daalen-Smith, L. van Dreumel, R. Venkatesa Perumal, A.M. Viens, N. viva Davis Halifax, L. Zhen

Guest, J. Abrams, M. Beharry, R. Bishop, D. Burrell, A. Charnaw, F. Clarke, A. Furlano, G. Gringhuis, R. Gritsyuk, J. Hard, N. Hemmings, K. Hetherington, C. McAulay, W. Miller, S. Mitchell Hutson, A. Ozog, M. Pogorzelski, N. Sam, 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. Budget Consultation

Provost and Vice-President Academic, L. Philipps and Vice-President Finance and Administration C. McAulay presented to Council.

Provost Philipps provided an update on the current budget noting the university is currently in a deficit. She reiterated that York is committed to taking active steps to manage the deficit and work towards recovery. She also acknowledged that some of the assumptions made when preparing the budget may not come to fruition (ie, tuition increases and grant funding). Vice-President Finance McAulay noted that there will be a special meeting of Senate to discuss the Auditor General's report and recommendations.

Council members asked the following questions following the presentation:

- Given the risks that exist with reliance on international students, what considerations are being made to diversify our resources?
- If York is successful in securing a medical school, what are the financial implications?
- What are some of the things that faculties, and specifically the Faculty of Health, can do to reduce expenditures?

- How will the results of the Blue Ribbon Panel change/influence our financial situation if those funding recommendations are granted?

4. Dean's Remarks

Dean Peters welcomed Council members and began with acknowledgements and kudos. He noted a current MOU with Southlake may be expanded and that other new MOUs and partnerships are in development.

Following up on the budget presentation, he acknowledged the university's situation and the need to ensure transparency. He acknowledged the challenges being faced by post-secondary institutions including enrolment variations and tuition/grant funding freezes. He stressed the need to review budgetary items that are within our control and to make changes in those areas (e.g., curricular redesign).

Dean Peters concluded by reflecting on his first year as Dean. Health faculty and staff have accomplished many things and he noted how well people work together to create opportunities. He is appreciative of the supportive environment, the commitment to student success and the willingness to engage in teamwork. Dean Peters was grateful for everyone who took time to welcome him and for the honest and open conversations about the status of the Faculty.

He thanked the Dean's Office teams for their continued support and noted there will be some senior level changes (e.g. Chairs and Directors) in the coming year. He noted that although we expect our students to become change agents after they graduate, we are not always willing to make changes ourselves. He stressed the need to provide opportunities for mentorship and to help people advance.

5. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee

R. Bishop provided the report.

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.

6. Report of the Curriculum Committee

Professor C. Rowan motioned, seconded by C. Ardern, that Council approve the changes to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science housed in the School of Global Health, as set out as Appendix A, effective FW 2024-25. The motion carried.

Professor C. Rowan provided the following item for informational purposes. The Curriculum Committee approved the addition of 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. This change will be added to Health academic calendar and is made to align with the Faculty of Science which incorporated SC/BIOL 2060 3.00 into the academic calendar as part of a curriculum revision.

7. Report of the Graduate Committee

Associate Dean, C. Ardern motioned, seconded by A. Belcastro, that Council approve approves the proposed Graduate Specialization in Vision Research. The motion carried.

Associate Dean, C. Ardern provided the following items for informational purposes. The Graduate Committee has approved the following new course proposals in Psychology: PSYC 6240, PSYC 6664 and PSYC 6668. The Graduate Committee has approved the changes in course titles for HLTH 5050 and HLTH 5230.

8. Lightning Talk

Professor L. Granek provided the presentation and answered questions from Council members.

9. 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 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 received one nomination for the position of at-large seat on the Petitions Committee.

Heather Jenkin, Department of Psychology has been acclaimed to the position.

Report of the Curriculum Committee
Faculty of Health Council
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ITEM FOR ACTION (2):

1. School of Nursing

- a) Changes to the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Internationally Educated Nurse) - Specialized Honours • School of Nursing • Faculty of Health

The Curriculum Committee recommends that Council approves the changes to the admission requirements for the IEN Bachelor of Science in Nursing, set out as Appendix A, effective FW 2024-25:

Rationale:

Over the past few years, the landscape of IEN credentialing and the registration process has undergone considerable changes. This has enabled many IENs to complete their registration as RNs without completing a bridging program. As a result, we have seen a sharp decline in the number and quality of applicants to our program. The School of Nursing is committed to attracting the best applicants, and modifying the admission criteria will attract more quality applicants.

The new pool of qualified VISA students who are registered nurses from their home jurisdiction alongside our present pool of applicants who are permanent residents with a work permit, will strengthen and broaden the applicant pool and allow us to choose the strongest candidates from both pools and fill all of our allocated 50 seats for this program.

- b) Changes to the admission requirements for the Second Entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Specialized Honours • School of Nursing • Faculty of Health

The Curriculum Committee recommends that Council approves the changes to the admission requirements for the 2nd Entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing, set out as Appendix B, effective FW 2024-25:

Rationale:

Currently, the School of Nursing requires more admission requirements than any other 2nd Entry Nursing Program in Ontario. This is hindering our ability to attract more applicants with complete applications. The School of Nursing has committed to attracting the best applicants. It is within reason that modifying our pre-requisite requirements by removing 3.0 credit philosophy, 3.0 credit humanities and 9 credits at the 3000 level with other 2nd entry nursing programs in Ontario and make us more competitive and attract more applicants. It will strengthen the applicant pool and provide us with an opportunity to choose the strongest candidates from a broader pool.

**Graduate Committee Report
Faculty of Health Council
February 7, 2024**

The Graduate Committee would like to provide the following items to Faculty Council for information. 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 6064 – Psychology and Social Justice: Historical, Theoretical, and Critical Perspectives
The graduate committee approved this new course proposal.

Rationale:

The aim of this course is to expand the course offerings by the Historical, Theoretical, and Critical Studies of Psychology graduate area (HTC). The course dovetails completely with this program's learning objectives which centre on understanding psychological phenomenon from a historical, philosophical, and critical perspective. This course will examine the field of psychology's past, present, and future relationship with questions of social justice. This course compliments (but in no way conflicts with) a currently offered and required course (Psyc 6030) which focuses on theoretical and critical psychology.

PSYC 6065 – Mobilizing Psychological Knowledge

The graduate committee approved this new course proposal.

Rationale:

This course builds upon decades long leadership among faculty members in the Historical, Theoretical, and Critical Studies of Psychology area (HTC) in developing a wide range of physical and digital resources (including oral history archives, museum exhibits, podcasts, films, etc.) for communicating psychology and its history to researchers, teachers, and the wider public. This course will bolster the methods training available to HTC students with particular focus on public history and knowledge mobilization. This course builds upon (but does not overlap with) existing Psychology courses dedicated to Historiography and Qualitative Research in Psychology. The main focus will be on the production of communications related to public history and social justice, but the course will be open to students from other areas of psychology.