York University
Faculty of Health Council

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2020
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Agenda

1. Chair’s Remarks
2. Minutes of the Meeting of April 1, 2020
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Dean’s Remarks
5. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee
6. Report of the Curriculum Committee
7. Equity and Online Learning Discussion, M. Morrow
8. Other Business

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.

Tentative 2020-2021 Faculty of Health Council Meeting dates are as follows:
September 9, 2020
October 7, 2020
November 4, 2020
December 2, 2020
January 13, 2021
February 3, 2021
March 3, 2021
April 7, 2021
May 5, 2021

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!


1. Chair’s remarks
Chair C. Da Silva welcomed Council members and explained how the meeting would be conducted online. She notified Council members that Vice-Chair M. Singh would serve as a moderator for the meeting. House-keeping items on how to ask questions and vote for items were addressed.

2. Minutes of the Meeting March 4, 2020
Professor B. Pilkington, seconded by Professor M. Mosher that the minutes of the March 4, 2020 meeting of Council be approved. The motion carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Dean’s Remarks
Dean McDonald extended his sincere thanks to all faculty, students, and staff in response to the current COVID-19 circumstances. He was impressed to see how quickly the faculty was able to mobilize to move the remainder of the Winter term courses online, support thesis projects and put plans in place for Summer term courses. He commended staff for quickly repatriating students from practicums and exchanges abroad, making alternative plans for interviews and hiring, and for finding ways to provide student support online. He stressed the need for faculty, students and staff to maintain physical and emotional well-being during this time.
Dean McDonald thanked M. Verrilli and R. Gritsyuk for their hard work on the faculty budget. He spoke about the budget surplus and the plans that were in place for these funds. As a result of the COVID-19 situation, some of the surplus funding has been redirected to various areas, resulting in some unexpected purchases. He reinforced that Health is in a strong financial position despite the challenges COVID-19 has presented and we will adapt to these challenges to get back on track.

Lastly, Dean McDonald addressed the amazing contributions that faculty members are making including: the School of Nursing providing Personal Protective Equipment including masks, gloves and a ventilator to front-line workers; grant funding received by Professors Hillier and Wiktorowicz that will help support critical research, the virtual/online presence and support of Professor Orbinski and the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research; a video created with Professor Dunwoody and the School of Nursing students for front-line workers and Professor Cribbie’s offering of graduate-level statistical courses online.

He noted that although the current global situation has presented the faculty with new opportunities to further research, it is also an opportunity for our colleagues to support and create policy while working with both the provincial and federal governments. He reminded members that how we respond during this current situation will define our character and values as a Faculty and thanked members for their continued support.

5. Presentation: York University Psychology Clinic (YUPC)
L. Hartley, Director of the York University Psychology Clinic (YUPC) was invited to present to Council about the YUPC processes and procedures. She explained to Council members how the Clinic functions, the type of student who uses the programming and how content is approved.

6. Presentation: Health Leadership & Learning Network (HLLN)
T. Xerri, Director of the Health Leadership and Learning Network (HLLN), was invited to present to Faculty Council about the HLLN processes and procedures. She provided a powerpoint presentation on the types of courses offered through HLLN, the type of student who is drawn to their programming and how courses are approved.

7. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee
On behalf of the Executive and Planning Committee, Professor M. Singh provided the report.

Professor M. Singh motioned, seconded by Professor A. Pos, that Faculty Council approve the processes as detailed in the document “Health Leadership & Learning Network Non-Degree Studies Processes (02/10/2020)”. The motion carried.

Professor M. Singh motioned, seconded by Professor H. Edgell, that Faculty Council approve the processes as detailed in the document “YUPC Continuing Education Processes (02/10/2020)”. The motion carried.

There was a call for nominations for the following Faculty Council vacancies:
There was a call for nominations for the vacant position as the Vice-Chair of Council. There were no nominations. The position will remain vacant until filled.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant position as the “at-large” member of the Executive and Planning Committee. S. Fitzpatrick, Department of Psychology, and O. Eyawo, School of Kinesiology & Health Science were nominated. An e-vote will follow.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant positions as the “at-large” members of the Petitions Committee. There were no nominations. The positions will remain vacant until filled.

There was a call for nominations for the five vacant positions as Faculty of Health Senators. J. Conder (Department of Psychology), C. Da Silva (School of Nursing), M. Hamadeh (School of Kinesiology and Health Science), P. Kohler (Department of Psychology) and Cheryl van Daalen-Smith (School of Nursing) were nominated and acclaimed to the positions.

8. Senator’s Report
The business of the March 26, 2020 Senate meeting was conducted electronically. A link to the synopsis of the meeting will be posted to the Council website when it becomes available.

9. Other Business

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R. Bishop, Secretary