

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building

Agenda

- 1. Chair's Remarks**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of May 2, 2018**
- 3. Business arising from the minutes**
- 4. Dean's Remarks**
- 5. Report of the Executive & Planning Committee**
- 6. Report of the Curriculum Committee**
- 7. Senator's Report**
 - May 2018
 - June 2018
 - August 2018
- 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.

2018-2019 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm–4:30pm, Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building:

Wednesday October 3, 2018

Wednesday November 7, 2018

Wednesday December 5, 2018

Wednesday January 9, 2019

Wednesday February 6, 2019

Wednesday March 6, 2019

Wednesday April 3, 2019

Wednesday May 1, 2019

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
320 Bethune College
Minutes**

Attendance: O. Adegoke, A. Belcastro, M. Connor, C. Da Silva, M. Dastjerdi, C. Davis, H. Edgell, J. Goldberg, M. Hamadeh, T.Y. Lee, P. McDonald, B. Meisner, G. Myers, K. Page-Cutrara, E. Peisachovich, A. Perry, B. Pilkington, J. Rawana, N. Richardson, R. Robbio, P. Safai, N. Stuckless, M. Wiktorowicz.

Adobe Connect attendance: F. Ahmad, M. Beharry, C. El Morr, G. Gringhuis, V. Jamnik, I.K Maimets, C. Mallette, A. Moore, R. Nariani, A. Phillips, E. Schraa, J. Weiss, C. van Daalen-Smith.

Guests: R. Bishop, R. Gritsyuk, J. Hard, L. Sadhwani, H. Saif, S. Whitaker.

1. Chair's remarks

Chair N. Richardson welcomed Council members and reminded Council members and guests to sign the attendance book and note dates and time of upcoming Council meetings. She also encouraged faculty to contribute to future Media Briefs by informing F. Clarke of upcoming events, research, publications.

2. Minutes of the Meeting April 4, 2018

Prof. B. Meisner, moved, seconded by Prof. M. Wiktorowicz, that the minutes of the April 4, 2018 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 announced that Prof. M. Friendly was elected as Fellow of the American Statistical Association and reviewed Prof M. Friendly's achievements and contributions to the field of statistical methods, data visualization and its history.

Dean McDonald also extended congratulations to Annalise D'Souza, a PhD student in psychology, for securing top place in the 3 Minute Thesis Competition for her presentation on "Mathematical modelling of brain performance across the life span". In addition to the top prize, she was also awarded the People's Choice award. Additionally, Victoria Larocca, a master's student in Kinesiology and Health Science, received second place in the Competition for her presentation on "Physical activity commercials – What do youth with disabilities think?"

Dean McDonald noted that seven faculty members are recipients of the 2018 NSERC Discovery Grant. Health's success rate was higher than that of the University at large.

Concluding his remarks, he announced that Profs. J. Conder and I. Epstein will receive funding from the Academic Innovation Fund (AIF).

5. Overview of Faculty of Health Budget

Dean McDonald provided an update on the Faculty's undergraduate and graduate admission rates and presented "Overview of Faculty of Health Budget".

Compared to Fall/Winter 2017, applications to the Faculty of Health have increased by 6.10%. 101 applications have

gone up by 5.02% and 105 applicants have increased by 8.61%. He also noted that international applications have seen a 24% increase.

Based on current confirmations, Health has seen an 12% increase compared to May 2017. The University overall has seen an 7.5% increase in confirmations compared to May 2017.

Dean McDonald attributed the increase in applications to the continuing excellence of faculty, staff and students. He also highlighted that contact with external and media relations has improved thus achievements are being disseminated widely. Also, changes to recruitment strategies have had a positive impact.

He also noted that the impact of the labour disruption on enrolment is unknown and the previous disruption in 2015 had a negligible impact.

Focusing on 2017-18 year-end forecasts, Dean McDonald noted that Health was slated to carry over approximately \$1 million; however, due to a one-time only relief from the University Fund, unused enrolment contingency funds, and failed and deferred searches and resignation, the Faculty will carry forward approximately \$4.5 million in 2018-2019.

Dean McDonald noted that the labour disruption may influence how the Faculty allocates funds in upcoming years. Although the Faculty is projected to bring in \$133 million, the Faculty will contribute to the University Fund, and will be responsible for transition tax, shared services and other financial commitments.

He noted that Health retains 48% of the revenue it generates and suggested that the Faculty consider developing interdisciplinary courses or general education

courses to retain a greater amount of revenue. If there is a surplus of funds, the Faculty can invest in strategic plans.

To maintain the undergraduate growth, Dean McDonald suggested growing Global Health; creating a new program in Critical Disabilities; revising Health Studies; implementing the new joint neuroscience program and expanding the Athletic Therapy program.

To attract graduate students, Dean McDonald recommended developing a new program in Global Health; promoting the Nursing PhD program; exploring the idea of creating a research-based Masters in Nursing; and increasing the number of graduate students admitted into Kinesiology and Health Science and Psychology.

In summary, Dean McDonald highlighted the importance of improving student retention and designing and implementing new undergraduate and graduate programs. Coinciding with curriculum development, he recommended reducing interfaculty teaching and ensuring graduates students complete degrees within allotted timeframes.

6. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee

On behalf of the Executive and Planning Committee, Prof. A. Belcastro noted that processes to fill vacancies on Standing Committees of Council were underway in Schools/Department. Members were encouraged to connect with their nominating committee for additional information.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant position of Chair of Council from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. No nominations were received from the floor.

This position will remain vacant until filled.

There was a call for nominations for one “at-large” seat on the Executive and Planning Committee from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. It was noted that B. Meisner, Department of Kinesiology and Health Science, is a continuing member and the two ‘at large’ members shall not be from the same School/Department. No nominations were made from the floor. This position will remain vacant until filled.

There was a call for nominations for the vacant position of an “at-large” seat on the Petitions Committee from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. It was noted that Prof. H. Tamim, School of Kinesiology and Health Science, is a continuing member and the two ‘at large’ members shall not be from the same School/Department. No nominations were made from the floor. This position will remain vacant until filled.

Members were encouraged to submit nominations to fill vacancies to L. Sadhwani by Friday, May 18, 2018.

7. Report of the Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards

Prof. M. Connor summarized the activities of the Committee and noted that the Committee continues to have a monitoring role over Faculty grades exercises. He also reviewed statistics associated with academic honesty

8. Report of the Committee on Research and Awards

On behalf of the Committee on Research and Awards, S. Whitaker listed the activities of the Faculty of Health Research and Awards Committee during the 2017-2018 academic period.

The Committee was responsible for the adjudication of the following seven grants/awards:

- Conference Travel Funds

- Minor Research Grants, including a special cardiac research fund
- Junior Faculty Funds
- Graduate Student Conference Travel Funds
- The graduate student component of the Meighen Wright Foundation Maternal-Child Health Scholars Program
- March of Dimes Graduate Scholarship
- Sammy Graduate Scholarship in Autism Research

The Committee also adjudicated the 2017-2018 Faculty Awards and recipients will be recognized at an upcoming Council meeting.

9. Report of the Petitions Committee

Prof. C. Davis noted that the Committee has seen a 21% overall reduction in petitions from last year. There has also been a 25% drop rate in late withdrawal petitions from last year, which may indicate expanded awareness and promotion of the Withdrawn from Courses option, whereby students may take the initiative to opt for a “W” on their record up until the last day of classes.

Secondly, the Committee introduced a third adjudication panel (Panel C), composed of the Associate Dean, Teaching and Learning, the Manager of Student Services in the Faculty of Health, and the Director, Student & Academic Services & Strategic Initiative. Panel C will be mainly tasked with alleviating peak periods (such as the summer months after the release of final grades and academic decisions).

10. Report on the Committee on Tenure & Promotions

Prof. O. Adegoke highlighted that the Committee on Tenure & Promotion met 5 times during the 2017-2017 academic year to consider 5 applications for tenure and/or promotion and 4 applications for promotion to Professor.

Additionally, Unit-specific tenure and promotion standards remain at varying levels of revisions and approval.

11. Senator's Report

Senator Edgell attended the April 26, 2018 meeting of Senate and relayed that Senate approved a motion such that, for full-year 2017-2018 and Winter 2018 courses, the undergraduate policy on Pass/Fail Grades be broadened as follows:

- a. students are permitted to add 6 credits above the normal maximums for both 90 (normally 6 credits) and 120 credit (normally 12 credits)
- b. graduating students and those otherwise in their last term at York may elect a Pass/Fail grade for General Education courses, including Core Science requirements that are part of the BSc General Education requirements
- c. graduating students and others in their final term at York may, in exceptional circumstances, request a Pass/Fail grade in major or minor courses,¹ and outside-the-major required courses, at the discretion of Associate Deans
- d. non-graduating students in good standing may, in exceptional circumstances, request to have General Education courses evaluated as Pass/Fail, not including Core Science requirements that are part of BSc General Education requirements for the BSc

Attendees were encouraged to review the complete Senate meeting package for additional information.

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned.

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R. Bishop, Secretary

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