

FACULTY COUNCIL
Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
May 25, 2016, 10:10 a.m.
Margaret Eaton Board Room, Benson 302

Minutes

Present: Jack Goodman (Chair), Catherine Amara, Michael Atkinson, Robin Campbell, Simon Darnell, Peter Donnelly, Kaleigh Ferdinand Pennock, Tracia Finlay-Watson, Caroline Fusco, Rachel Goodman, Sarah Holman, Gretchen Kerr, Marius Locke, Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman, Lynda Mainwaring, Karen McLeister, Daniel Moore, Paula Paunic, Catherine Sabiston, Tim Taha, Scott Thomas, Luc Tremblay

Guests: Lamia Aganagic, Jen Leake, Tim Linden

Regrets: Ryan Schwenger, Katherine Tamminen

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The circulated agenda was approved. (**Motion:** Thomas/Sabiston)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 8, 2016 meeting were circulated for review and approved. (**Motion:** Locke/Thomas)

4. Committee Reports

a. Undergraduate Examinations

Lynda Mainwaring reported for information purposes on the results of the Examination Committee meeting that was held on May 19. Marks for all academic courses were approved as submitted, as were marks for all practicum courses. Tim Linden provided a summary of the academic audit results, which shows students who are on academic probation or suspended for the 2016-17 academic year. Lynda mentioned that the overall number of students on probation/suspension has not been increasing with our increased enrollment. Tim also provided a graduation report: there are 187 students who are expected to graduate on June 10, 29 with high honours and 53 with honours.

Lynda thanked the committee for their work in the final meetings, Tim for his assistance in pulling all of the data together, and the undergraduate student members (Stephanie Ho outgoing, Sarah Holman incoming) for their participation.

b. Undergraduate Curriculum

Cathy Amara thanked the committee members from the past year, especially student member and KPEUA representative Stephanie Ho, and welcomed incoming KPEUA representative Sarah Holman.

c. Undergraduate Admissions

Cathy Amara reported that there have been 143 acceptances received so far (from the 656 offers of admission sent), with 12 of these being from international students. Last night we hosted a successful recruitment event for accepted students who have not yet made a decision. Thank you to Sophie, Margaret, and the rest of the Registrar's Office team for their commitment to enhancing our recruitment events.

The Committee has been deliberating changes to our admission prerequisites to maximize the number of applications, to encourage more top students to attend, and to be more comparable to sister institutions that have fewer pre-requisites. The goal is to make our prerequisites less restrictive. The Math and English prerequisites will remain the same, the Science prerequisite is now 'one of Biology, Physics or Chemistry' (from Biology only), and the grade 12 Intro to Kinesiology/Exercise Science course is now 'strongly

recommended' instead of required. Given that some schools do not offer Intro to Kinesiology/Exercise Science, the Committee believed this course could not be listed as a pre-requisite.

d. Graduate Committee

Marius Locke provided an enrollment update: we have 32 new graduate students beginning in September, 11 PhD and 21 MSc. The committee has been working on the 'good standing' document, which is now mostly finished, just needing final review by graduate student representative. The goal is to have it in place by September. An annual graduate meeting will be held next Monday May 30 at 3pm, BN 307, which is open to all students and faculty for information and questions about program going forwards.

e. Research Committee

Luc Tremblay reported that the committee has been discussing a new formula, to be presented at June 6 professoriate meeting. The committee has also put in place a new process for receiving Extra Departmental Unit proposals; two have recently been received and reviewed.

f. Council of Athletics & Recreation: No report.

g. Equity Committee

Caroline Fusco reported that there is an event being held at Hart House on May 26, Accelerating Action: Looking at Race, Indigeneity and Physical Activity. It will begin with a social event, followed by a panel discussion and then breakout discussions. This event is designed to generate discussions about broad themes to inform the work of the Task Force on Race and Indigeneity.

h. Awards Committee

Robin presented two awards with administrative amendments to Council for approval, which was granted:

- Phyllis Berck Scholarship
 - There was a friendly amendment to the Phyllis Berck award to clarify that the incoming high school average should be at least 80%, and then maintain an average of at least 70% in university, which was accepted.
- Varsity Blues Men's Volleyball Award of Merit

i. Restricted Funds Committee: No report

j. Sponsorship Committee: No report

5. Centre Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies: No report.

b. Centre for Motor Control

Luc Tremblay reported that the joint Center for Motor Control and Southern Ontario Motor Behaviour symposium was recently held at Wilfred Laurier University, and had 50 participants from 7 universities in attendance.

6. Deans' Reports

a. Dean

Acting Dean Kerr presented the draft of the standing committees for 2016-17 academic year. Student representatives & athletic representatives will be made at a later date. She asked for approval in principle, with the final approval to be made by executive committee over summer. Robin Campbell provided a friendly amendment with a few updates of alumni representatives. The motion was passed. (**Motion:** Kerr/Sabiston)

Two new faculty members will be joining us as of July 1, 2016: Dr. John Cairney and Dr. Boba Samuels. Dr. Cairney joins us from McMaster University, and specializes in the areas of physical activity, mental and physical health, and children with varying physical abilities. Dr. Samuels is the incoming director of the Health Sciences Writing Centre, and joins us from the Writing Centre at Wilfred Laurier. On June 7 there will be a farewell event for Dr. Dena Taylor, outgoing director of the Health Sciences Writing Centre.

KPE Convocation will be held on Friday June 10, for both undergraduate and graduate students. There will be a breakfast held for CTEP graduates held in the Goldring atrium from 10:30-11:30 a.m., and a lunch for all graduates, their families, and faculty members held from 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m. in the Kimmel Family Field House. The Convocation Ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m.

Thank you to Jack Goodman for his contributions to Faculty Council as Chair over the past 3 years, he is taking a research leave for the 2016-17 academic year. Marius Locke will be taking over as Chair of Faculty Council. Thank you to Michael Atkinson for filling the role of Acting Vice-Dean over the past year, and creating new initiatives (such as the move to online course evaluations). Peter Donnelly will be taking over this role for the 2016-17 academic year. It has been a busy and exciting year, and I wish everyone a wonderful summer.

b. Vice Dean, Academic

Michael Atkinson reported that the final discussions for the online evaluations format are in progress, and an update will be presented to the professoriate in June. He thanked all of the staff for their work on our recruitment events this year, which have been very successful with a great turnout from potential undergraduate and graduate students.

The Progress Through the Ranks (PTR) teaching scores and evaluations were first rate this year, we have many amazing instructors who put their heart and soul into these courses, and it really showed this year. Everyone should be congratulated for their efforts. The students should also be thanked for all of their hard work this year, which is reflected in their high grades.

Thank you to the support staff for their assistance and support over the year, which is often unnoticed. Special thanks to Gretchen for being an excellent mentor.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Luc Tremblay thanked everyone on the Research Committee, especially Marisol D'Andrea, who has taken over from Jeremy Knight in a smooth transition. He also expressed thanks to Gillian White for her assistance with the CV, CCV and PTR pre-population services. For those who have not, professors are invited to start sending their documents to Gillian right away for assistance with their PTR reports.

We are starting to think about next year already, and the public research symposium – please send any ideas or suggestions that you have for a theme for this event to Luc.

d. Assistant Dean, Co-curricular

Jen Leake reported on behalf of Beth Ali. We have had several events recently, such as the Olympic qualifier field hockey tournament taking place on the back field and the NCCP Super clinic hosted at the Athletic Centre. Training for both Varsity Blues and Camp U of T is also gearing up for summer across all of our facilities. Recently there was a major meeting with the Student Life organizations around Innovation Hubs, looking at ways that students can better access all of the services that are available to them. Data on all U of T students is available, please contact Jen if you are interested in learning more.

Planning for Fall Orientation is underway, and the goal is to get as many incoming first year students from across the university into our facilities as possible. We are looking for an accomplished Instagrammer or Snapchatter to assist with the online component of the Orientation events.

e. Chief Administrative Officer

Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman provided an update on the conversion of the former sport medicine clinic to a combined teaching, practical and student space for the incoming Master of Professional Kinesiology students. We hope to have the space ready for viewing by the end of July. Also, with the addition of new faculty members, there will be some shifting of current staff as we work to find workspaces for everyone.

The CLASS software program will no longer be supported after the end of this year, and a call for requests for proposals (RFP) has gone out. This RFP request period is open for another week, and there are many companies who are interested in providing this type of service. The new software is expected to roll out a year from now, and will be a major transformation as the switch takes place.

Year-end financial reports are being analyzed, with the curricular budget reports farther ahead of the co-curricular budget reports. The anticipated deficit of one million on the co-curricular side did not occur, instead there is only a deficit of about \$500K. However, given the deficit, we do not have the reserves that we would like to put towards facility improvement.

A new, annual recognition event is being planned for all faculty and staff members, to celebrate our accomplishments across the University of Toronto. This event will be held on June 23 at Goldring, and we hope that all can attend.

7. Student Government Reports

a. KPEUA

Lamia Aganagic, Communication Commissioner, reported on behalf of Ryan Schwenger. The transition to the new KPEUA executive was successful, however the role of Commuter Commissioner is still vacant, to be filled in the Fall. Social media accounts are now up and running, the process of selecting captains for the 2016-17 Kin Games has already begun, as well as planning for orientation week. The council is working with Rosanne on updating the look of the Benson Student Lounge, and is looking forward to making impactful changes over the coming year.

b. KPEGS

Rachel Goodman reported that the Bodies of Knowledge conference ran smoothly again this year on May 5 and 6, and was a similar size to last year's event. She thanked everyone who participated in the event, which was very multi-disciplinary. In addition, graduate students have been receiving feedback about the 'good standing document' and have also hosted an information session on this topic to mitigate concerns, and are now feeling better about this proposed change. The new KPEGS Executive will be voted in later in June 2016.

8. Other Business

Luc Tremblay put forward a motion to change the format of the Faculty Council agenda to have the student government reports take place earlier in the meeting, prior to the standing committee reports. His rationale was to demonstrate that the students come first in the faculty, and so their reports should be front and centre, in an emblematic role. Lamia responded that while the motion is very thoughtful and appreciated by the students, they would prefer to remain closer to the end of the meeting, as the reports of the standing committees often answer the questions that the students have. Acting Dean Kerr suggested a compromise, in

which the student government reports were moved from after the Dean's reports to just before the Dean's reports, which was amenable to all parties. The motion was carried. (**Motion:** Tremblay/Thomas).

9. Announcements

Lynda Mainwaring thanked Acting Dean Kerr on behalf of the Faculty for all her hard work this year, for her leadership and creation of a wonderful atmosphere.

10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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