

**Minutes of the Meeting of the KPE Faculty Council**  
**November 1, 2024, 10am**  
**Virtual Meeting, Zoom**

**Present:**

Andrew Alvarez, Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Chris Arnold, Michael Atkinson, Joseph Baker, Barb Brophey, Timothy Burkhart, Michael Cournoyea, David Frost, Terry Gardiner, Jenna Gillen, Paul Handley, Ira Jacobs, Gretchen Kerr, Amy Kirkham, Jen Krol, Marius Locke, Lynda Mainwaring, Devonnia Miller, Daniel Moore, Wendy Pais, Sabrina Razack, Boba Samuels, Daniel Santa Mina (Vice-Chair), Ashley Stirling, Katherine Tamminen, Luc Tremblay (Chair), Tim Welsh

**Guests:** Sami Anguaya, Christine Bezruki, Jennifer Colvin, Doriano D’Angelo, Maryanne McCormick, Sharon Ng-Morga, Francesca Principe

**Regrets:** Sarah Baker, Robert Bentley, Ennis Blentic, Joyce Chen, Simon Darnell, Caroline Fusco, Jodh Gill, Jack Goodman, Janelle Joseph, Danielle Lawrence, Tricia McGuire-Adams, Erica Nekolaichuk, Madeleine Orr, Nicole Ryan, Catherine Sabiston, Daniel Sailofsky, Samira Sunderji, Lucy Tempest, Linda Trinh, Fatima Zahra

**Secretary:** Meredith Strong

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. The Chair acknowledged the land on which the University of Toronto operates and mentioned his experience watching the file [Waapake \(Tomorrow\)](#). The Chair also acknowledged Professor Daniel Santa Mina as Vice Chair of the Faculty Council. New members were welcomed.
2. **Approval of Agenda (Motion: Alvarez, Amara)**  
The motion was carried with a majority vote, no opposition or abstention.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the September 27, 2024, Faculty Council meeting were accepted as presented. (Motion: Miller/Stirling).

The motion was carried with a majority vote, no opposition or abstention.

**Business Arising out of Minutes**

There was no Business Arising from the Minutes/previous meeting.

3. **Student Governments’ Reports**

a. **KPEUA – A. Alvarez**

No Report

b. **KPEGS – F. Principe (for S. Sunderji)**

KPEGS hosted 2 events in October: Graduate headshots and Friday Informal Front Campus Social and may be repeated. EDI Training is planned for November 8 with T. Gardiner.

The goal for this year is to review and amend the KPEGS Constitution, and updates will be provided, as well as updates for any Bodies of Knowledge information.

**4. Deans' Reports**

**a. Dean – G. Kerr**

Dean Kerr noted the first KPE Convocation with the new Chancellor, Wesley Hall was held on October 31, and KPE hosted a reception with graduates and their families and friends after the ceremony. Dean Kerr noted that Chancellor Hall is well-known for his deep commitment to equity-leading initiatives to help advance careers in the black community, and for his innovative, corporate, and entrepreneurial leadership, and being a champion for equity. Dr. Hall received his Honorary Doctorate in 2023. The role of the Chancellor is the ceremonial head of the University, presiding over convocation and conferring degrees, and ambassador to the wider community and alumni worldwide.

Dean Kerr acknowledged that Professor Geoffrey Hinton, of the Department of Computer Science, and renowned as the godfather of AI, received the Nobel Prize in Physics. His accomplishment has been celebrated by the University.

**b. Vice-Dean, Programs – A. Stirling**

Professor Stirling provided staffing updates:

- Amanda Darcy accepted the role of Director of Sport and Recreation,
- Vicky Sunohara KPE Women's Hockey Coach was inducted into the Hall of Fame,
- Jesse Porter, KPE Lacrosse Coach was announced as Coach of the Year.

Regarding programs, both academic and athletic are progressing well.

Professor Stirling informed of new programs, such as *Gentle Moves* to support stress-relief for all U of T students during the exam period.

In the academic portfolio, good progress is being made with the course evaluation task, co-chaired by the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education and Associate Dean, Graduate Education.

Finally, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities has approved the 2 new graduate programs for launch September 2025, approving the opening of admissions process for these 2 programs.

**c. Associate Dean, Research – T. Welsh**

Professor Welsh reported that grant applications are progressing through ethics process. He recognized Dean Kerr's induction as an international Fellow to the National Academy of Kinesiology. Professor Tremblay received the Brawley and Elliott Award for Excellence in supervision and mentorship from the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology.

The Research Services Office has a new initiative to develop a catalogue/survey to capture the research technology that is available within the Faculty for the purposes of research.

Professor Welsh reminded about the internal Faculty research, TISS Seed and SHRC grants are all due November 15.

**d. Chief Administrative Officer – P. Handley**

Mr. Handley reported that new Varsity lights project is completed. The Benson Elevator project is underway; however, the city watermain project on Harbord and Huron Streets is impacting KPE work regarding staging perspective. Back Campus turf will be replaced in the Spring.

**5. Code of Student Conduct – Hearing Officer**

Dean Kerr outlined the process to be followed in the cases of allegations of conduct offenses by U of T students. This involves appointment of an investigating officer to collect information for a subsequent hearing to determine if an offense has been committed. The division requires a hearing officer be appointed for a term of up to 3 years as approved by the Faculty Council. The appointment is held until a successor is appointed or the incumbent is re-appointed.

*Motion: to approve Professor Marius Locke as the KPE Hearing Officer for a term of 3 years, as required under the University of Toronto's Code of Student Conduct. (Motion: Kerr, Amara)*

There were no questions from members.

The motion was carried with a majority vote.

**5. Faculty Awards**

The Chair introduced guest, S. Anguaya, to present on behalf of E. Blentic.

**a. Amendments**

Mr. Anguaya presented the amendments to the Spirit of '62 Award and the Spirit of OT3 Faculty Advancement Award. The aim is to bring the language of all these awards into alignment with the new Dean's Year Class Awards Initiative, so that they would all become admission-based awards providing the same amount, offering a cohesive family of awards from the KPE Alumni classes.

Next Mr. Anguaya provided details on the proposed amendments to the Betty and Chris Wansbrough Scholarship in Women's Hockey, due to an increase in the endowment of the award, offering more payout to student athletes. The original award record has increased from 2 awards to 4 awards.

The conditions for the awards were stipulated on financial need and incoming, and more specific language was added to help with the adjudication process for registrars.

*Motion: To amend the following awards:*

*i. Betty and Chris Wansbrough Scholarship in Women's Hockey;*

*ii. The Spirit of '62 Award; and*

*iii. The Spirit of OT3 Faculty Advancement Award (Motion: Santa Mina, Jacobs)*

Mr. Anguaya responded to a member's enquiry regarding situation when a student's GPA falls below 3.5 as a result of trying to meet financial needs and may not therefore be eligible for these awards. This would be referred to the Registrar who does the adjudication, as need is deemed on a combination of OSAP and other factors. Professor Stirling welcomed a conversation about future criteria, especially admissions awards and supported a follow-up with the Registrar, to review the language to give more flexibility.

The motion was carried with a majority vote.

**b. Approval of Awards**

Mr. Anguaya announced 2 new academic undergraduate awards -- the Class of '68 Award and the Class of '63 Award. These were created as part of a broader initiative that our office and alumni advancement is running called the Dean's Year Class Awards Initiative, with matching donations. These

scholarships will have admission-based awards offering and \$1,000 yearly payout to incoming student with a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Mr. Anguaya also announced the Susan L. Koch Women's Varsity Soccer Scholarship. This was created from a major gift donation from a Varsity Blues women's soccer alumni, awarded to a student athlete on the basis of excellence in women's soccer.

The final new award for review was the Beth Ali Scholarship, announced at her retirement, and created to honor the legacy of Beth Ali. Fundraising is in progress, and it is intended to be awarded to preferably Black or Indigenous student(s) in line with KPE's commitment to supporting inclusive excellence at the Faculty.

*Motion: To approve the following awards:*

*i. Beth Ali Scholarship;*

*ii. Susan L. Koch Women's Varsity Soccer Scholarship;*

*iii. The Class of 6T3 Scholarship in KPE; and*

*iv. The Class of 6T8 Scholarship in KPE. (Motion: Santa Mina, Welsh)*

Mr. Anguaya responded to a member's question regarding the '68 and 63 new scholarships matching from the Annual Fund, indicating that matching would be a one-time match only.

The motion was carried with a majority vote.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **a. Executive Committee – G. Kerr**

Professor Kerr thanked the members of Council for their thoughtful feedback on the proposed changes to the bylaws that was offered at last Council meeting, and via emails. Based on the feedback, changes were incorporated into the latest version that had been shared as part of the agenda package. Professor Kerr summarized the changes.

The Executive Committee recommended at the October meeting in principle that the bylaws be approved by Faculty Council. The version to be voted on will be submitted 3 weeks in advance of the January 17th council meeting. Should there be any further edits to the bylaws, the Executive Committee will meet to confirm that the motion shall still be on the January 17th agenda.

Professor Jacobs raised the question of the membership to the Research Committee, with respect to leaders of EDUs and centres. Professor Kerr acknowledged that there was inconsistency in language which needs to be clarified. Professor Welsh supported clarifying the language to distinguish roles and also have representation.

Professor Mainwaring requested copy of the document showing track changes. Professor Kerr confirmed that the current version includes the changes from the feedback and noted that the track-change copy is illegible, hence the current copy circulated. Professor Kerr offered to provide a summary document of the changes in the next version of the document. Meredith Strong noted that the documentation includes the 2018 bylaws and a document with a summary of all changes.

**b. Undergraduate Examinations – C. Amara**

Professor Amara updated on the Petition Report. Since the last full committee meeting on 23rd of September, 122 petitions have been reviewed. The vast majority of these relate to term work accommodations, but there are other categories as well, including petitions for late withdrawal re-enrollment. Petitions for standing deferred status and ODP accommodations continue.

There were no questions.

**c. Undergraduate Curriculum – C. Amara**

There have been 2 meetings since the September Council meeting. The combined degree program was addressed at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. This is the Bachelor of Kinesiology and the Master of Teaching through OISE. This program allows interested students in their 3rd year to apply to this combined degree program. If they are successful, at the beginning of their 4th year, they will be both finishing off their BKin with KPE, and they will be able to participate with 2 courses in their Master of Teaching program.

The Committee approved the follow changes at the September meeting:

1. Have an average grade equivalent of at least mid-B (3.0) or better, normally demonstrated by an average grade in the 2nd year.
2. Be on course to complete the prerequisites for two teaching subjects (e.g., Kin/PHE & Bio or Social Science) if applying to I/S OR
3. Be on course to complete the prerequisites for one teaching subject (Kin/PHE) if applying to J/I OR
4. No specific prerequisites if applying to P/J

Discussion has started about the potential for a new undergraduate research course, envisioning what this might look like with a focus on differentiating this new course from the current course offerings which KPE will continue to deliver. Examples from similar programs at other institutions were reviewed and there was brainstorming about what the focus, structure, potential learning outcomes of such a new course might be, and discussion about ideas for student learning outcomes, including a focus on methodologies, methods, transferable skills, potential workload implications for faculty and composition of research team. An update is expected at a future professoriate meeting, and feedback will be sought from both faculty and students.

There were no questions.

**d. Graduate Committee – K. Tamminen**

The Graduate Committee met on September 30. The report was circulated with the meeting documentation.

There were no questions.

**e. Research Committee – T. Welsh**

The Research Committee met on October 28. Two main discussion items were:

- process for evaluating and recommending the rank order of the grants: TISS Seed, Internal Faculty Research and SSHRC Institutional, which will largely follow Tri-council Grant review process
- strategies for increasing and recognizing the impacts of KPE research, how we get more information about what we do within our faculty, share with the broader community, and how to recognize and other types of research activities that are less easily quantified but impactful, e. g. community engagement, policy engagement and legislation. This is an on-going discussion.

There were no questions.

**f. Council of Athletics & Recreation Report – A. Stirling**

The Council of Athletics and Recreation held their 1st meeting on October 10, 2024. As the previous co-chairs had graduated, Mary Beth Challoner was elected Pro Tem (for that meeting). Orientation was provided relating to the focus of, and the responsibilities of, the Council of Athletics and Recreation, as well as an overview of the sport and recreation programs offered.

Hannah Chown and Erin Sullivan were elected as the 2 new co-chairs for a 2-year term, for this current year and for next year. They will attend the next Faculty Council meeting for introduction and will provide CAR reports going forward.

There were no questions.

**7. EDU and Institute Reports**

**a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies – S. Darnell**

No report as Professor Darnell sent regrets.

**b. Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre – C. Sabiston**

Report was submitted with documentation

**c. Centre for Sport-Related Concussion Research, Innovation and Knowledge – M. Hutchison**

No report

**8. Other Business/Announcements**

Professor Mainwaring announced 2 guest speakers will attend her psychosocial development class on November 4 – Dr. Jesse Young and Professor Marius Locke.

**9. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am (Motion: Amara)

The motion was carried with a majority vote.

## **Reports submitted with the agenda for November 1, 2024**

### **Vice-Dean, Programs**

Amanda D'Arcy has been appointed as the Director of Sport & Recreation, effective November 1, 2024. All academic and athletic programs are running well. The David L. MacIntosh Sport Medicine Clinic is excited to announce that we now offer Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) and Autologous Concentrated Plasma (ACP) injections. These innovative biologic treatments complement our current suite of treatment options. Other key program updates since the last Faculty Council report include, in the Sport & Recreation portfolio, the new program launch of Gentle Moves, restorative movement sessions intentionally offered around midterm seasons, and the Tri-Campus Basketball and Volleyball Season Opener, which occurred on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We hosted the OUA baseball championship October 11 – 13.

Also this month, the Varsity Blues women's golf team won the Liz Hoffman Trophy as team champions of the 2024 OUA championships.

Finally, the work of the (academic) Course Evaluation Working Group has commenced, co-chaired by Prof. Catherine Amara, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and Prof. Katherine Tamminen, Associate Dean of Graduate Education.

### **Associate Dean, Research**

#### 1) Awards and Recognitions

Pleased to share the awarding of several prestigious recognitions earned by our faculty:

- a. Dean Kerr was inducted as an International Fellow in the National Academy of Kinesiology.
- b. Professor Tremblay received the Brawley and Elliott Award for Excellence in Supervision and Mentorship presented by the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology (SCAPPS).

In an effort to increase the Awards and Recognitions for the great work that we do, the RSO is actively seeking opportunities and providing support for faculty members to apply for awards. If you are aware of a potential award or other recognition (e.g., membership in a prestigious society) for which you might be competitive, please reach out to the RSO ([kay.li@utoronto.ca](mailto:kay.li@utoronto.ca)).

#### 2) FKPE Survey on Research Equipment and UofT Core Facilities

RSO will be completing a project in which we develop a catalogue of research equipment within FKPE. The main purpose of the project is to gain a better understanding of what research technologies are available to researchers within our faculty to facilitate collaboration and depth of research. The process also aligns with VPRI's efforts to achieve these same goals university-wide. For example, VPRI is dedicating efforts to increase knowledge and engagement of Core Facilities for research involving UofT faculty as well as non-academic partners. Part of these efforts include developing a VPRI Core Facilities website and hosting a recent UofT Core Facilities Showcase held on Oct 10. Anyone interested in learning more about, using, or contributing to Core Facilities should contact ADR for more information.

#### 3) Research-Related Seminars and Workshops

There are a set of initiatives on research-related matters that faculty should be aware of:

- a. Seminar on Image Integrity in Scientific Research (November 8, 2024, 9:00am-12noon)
- b. Symposium on Healthy Research Teams (November 11, 2024 at 11:30am-4:00pm)
- c. Taskforce on the use of AI in Research (currently in Consultation and Meeting phase, with reports delivered in Spring 2025)

#### 4) Internal Research Grants:

A reminder that the following grants are due November 15, 2024. Completed applications should be submitted to [adr.kpe@utoronto.ca](mailto:adr.kpe@utoronto.ca).

a. TISS FKPE Seed Grant Competition:

The main purpose of these grants is to facilitate the launching of new research and creative professional activities that can lead to the development of external sources of funding. The research proposed in this grant must align with the mandate of TISS and prioritize the development of inter-sectorial and use-inspired research projects and partnerships. Maximum funding request is \$25,000 for a 1- to 2-year project\*.

b. Internal Faculty Research Grant Competition:

The main purpose of these grants is to facilitate the launching of new creative professional activities that can lead to future successful grant applications for external sources of funding. Priority will be given to projects that: 1) support initiatives related to equity, diversity, and inclusion; and 2) support the development of new community partnerships or international collaborations. Maximum funding request is \$10,000 for a 1-year project.

c. SSHRC Institutional Grant

The main purpose of these grants is to support small-scale research activities in the humanities and social sciences. The awarded funding is intended for small-scale research activities in the humanities and social sciences, consistent with SSHRC's eligible expense guidelines. There is less than \$7000 in total funding for this competition, so please budget accordingly. Full-time faculty members are eligible to apply for SIG awards if they currently hold a SSHRC grant or who have held or applied for a SSHRC grant within the previous three-year window (since April 2021). Eligibility may be extended to faculty members who do not meet the above criteria if they commit to applying for SSHRC funding within one year of the awarded SSHRC SIG award.

## Reports of the Standing Committees of Council for Information

### Graduate Committee – K. Tamminen

The first meeting of the Graduate Committee was held on September 30, 2024. The items discussed at the meeting included:

- Current functions of the committee and the proposed changes to the By-laws
- Graduate student awards
- Graduate student admissions deadlines and process
- SGS's review of the final oral exam process.
- Update on Graduate Funding

### Council of Athletics & Recreation – A. Stirling

The first meeting of CAR occurred on Thursday, October 10. At the meeting, Mary Beth Challoner was elected to chair the first meeting as Pro Tem. Welcome remarks were provided by the Dean and an orientation presentation, including a summary of CAR functions and an overview of Sport and Recreation programs, was presented by Ashley Stirling, Vice Dean of Programs and Mary Beth Challoner, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and High Performance. Hannah Chown and Erin Sullivan were nominated as CAR Co-Chairs for a 2-year term. The motion carried unanimously. The next CAR meeting is November 7, 2024 @ 4:00PM.

## EDU/Institute Reports for Information

### Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre – C. Sabiston

Activities in MPARC include: the execution of the MoveU.HappyU program, which is in its final term of a Randomized Controlled Trial testing the effectiveness of group versus individualized physical activity and behavioural coaching; planning for research studies using the outdoor fitness space; and on-going partnership



work with Meditation Works to offer mindfulness experiences alongside fitness training. MPARC equipment and spaces are being used for up to 10 research studies this Fall - which are a mix of student-led and professor-led studies.

We were also successful at obtaining a joint fund to expand the international scope of MoveU.HappyU with Manchester and Melbourne Universities, and we are working with UTM to properly implement the program on that campus. Finally, the MPARC executive committee is meeting in early November to continue planning for the sustainability of the Centre.