

Minutes of the Meeting of the KPE Faculty Council

October 17, 2025, 10am

Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Present: Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Chris Arnold, Tom Babits, Joseph Baker, Sarah Baker, Barb Brophey, Timothy Burkhart, Michael Cournoyea, Simon Darnell, Kristine Drakich, Caroline Fusco, Terry Gardiner, Jack Goodman, Paul Handley, Michael Hutchison, Paramjyot Kainth, Gretchen Kerr, Jen Krol, Danielle Lawrence, Tricia McGuire-Adams, Devonnia Miller, Daniel Moore, Madeleine Orr, Wendy Pais, Sabrina Razack, Nicole Ryan, Catherine Sabiston, Daniel Sailofsky, Boba Samuels, Daniel Santa Mina (Vice Chair), Ashley Stirling, Erin Sullivan, Luc Tremblay (Chair), Linda Trinh, Tim Welsh, Jackie Zehr

Guests: Amanda D'Arcy, Dorian D'Angelo, Maryanne McCormick, Carole Orane, Alex Vickers,

Regrets: Amina Abdul Jalil, Aidan Aria, Michael Atkinson, Robert Bentley, Joyce Chen, Hannah Chown, David Frost, Carl Georgevski, Jenna Gillen, Ira Jacobs, Udditi Jalan, Linda Kiefer, Amy Kirkham, Marius Locke, Darren Lowe, Jason Ma, Byron MacDonald, Lynda Mainwaring, Shankeerth Makeswaran, Jill Mallon, Erica Nikolaichuk, Michelle Pang, Doug Richards, Fatima Sara, Rachel Scarcello, Samira Sunderji, Tim Taha, Katherine Tamminen, Lucy Tempest, Emily Van Berkel, Fatima Zahra

Secretary: Meredith Strong

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. The Chair acknowledged the land on which the University of Toronto operates. The Chair welcomed returning and new members to the Council and asked each attendee to introduce themselves. The Chair then asked for approval of the Agenda.

The motion was carried (Motion: J. Baker, K. Arbour-Nicitopoulos). The Agenda was approved unanimously with no discussion.

2. **Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2025, meeting**

Minutes were approved (C. Amara, D. Santa Mina)

a. **Business Arising out of Minutes**

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

3. **Orientation of Faculty Council**

See attached presentation (Appendix A).

M. Strong presented on the overall structure, administrative and governance, of KPE, the relationship of Council of Athletics and Recreation (CAR) and outlined changes to the Constitution.

The mandate of the Faculty Council is governance: approve policies, plans, projects; oversight; advice.

The role of the Faculty Council members is to advance and uphold the mission of the Faculty and provide relevant input to the vision, strategies, and objectives, as well as to vote on all matters, except when there is a conflict of interest. The membership includes all areas of the Faculty, alumni, students, staff, and ex-officio positions, such as the Director of EDI and Executive Directors in the Faculty and the Professional Librarian representative.

The number of Standing Committees has been reduced from 10 last year to 6 this year: Executive, Appeals, Undergraduate Admissions, Undergraduate Curriculum, Graduate and Research. The chairs of these Committees will report to each Faculty Council meeting.

The email for questions and from which invitations will be sent: kpe.council@utoronto.ca

4. Reports of the Standing Committees for Information:

a. Executive Committee – L. Tremblay

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the composition of the Faculty Council Standing Committees (C. Amara, T. Babits). The composition was approved without opposition.

b. Undergraduate Curriculum – S. Darnell

See the *October 17, 2025, Faculty Council Report* circulated with the agenda and attached as Appendix B.

Prof. Darnell presented his report noting that the committee discussed the process for reviewing undergraduate course outlines, the course evaluation process, curriculum mapping, and a review of labs and lab resources. There were no questions.

c. Undergraduate Admissions – M. Locke

Prof. Locke sent regrets, and the Council was directed to the report included in the *October 17, 2025, Faculty Council document* circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

d. Graduate Committee – M. Hutchison

See the *October 17, 2025, Faculty Council Report* circulated with the agenda and attached as Appendix B.

Prof. Hutchison indicated that the Graduate Committee met on September 26th and reviewed its mandate. Prof. Hutchison indicated that the written report submitted with the agenda should be revised to refer to the *Associate* Dean Graduate Education rather than *the Assistant* Dean Graduate Education. There were no questions.

e. Research Committee – J. Baker

See the *October 17, 2025, Faculty Council Report* circulated with the agenda and attached as Appendix B.

Prof. Baker indicated that the committee met on September 30th, and Prof. Welsh chaired that meeting. Council was referred to the report and reminded that the Research Committee advises on issues to do with conducting research in the Faculty. Any challenges or questions may be directed to him, which he would in turn direct to the Committee. There were no questions.

5. Student Governments' Reports

a. KPEUA – P. Kainth

There was no report.

b. KPEGS –E. Sullivan

The first general meeting was held on September 18, with the second planned for October 20. The executive team has been finalized. Planning for the Bodies of Knowledge Conference has begun, hopefully for May 2026, with dates and funding to be secured.

The social sub-committee has been formed and has had its first meeting. They hosted two welcome-back socials at the Argos and Blue Jays games, both with good attendance. The plan is to host monthly events, bringing all streams together for a busy and fun school year.

There were no questions.

6. Deans' Reports**a. Dean – G. Kerr****Welcome & Leadership News**

Dean Kerr extended a warm welcome to new and returning Council members. She noted that the University of Toronto celebrates the installation of its 17th President, **Professor Melanie Woodin**, the first woman in this role.

Faculty Updates

Professor Jackie Zehr joins KPE as Assistant Professor in Biomechanics, returning after completing her BKin and MSc at U of T.

Drs. Daniel Santa Mina, Michael Hutchison, and Caroline Fusco have been promoted to Full Professor. Drs. Ashley Stirling, and Doug Richards have been promoted to Full Professor, Teaching Stream.

Hiring News

Active searches are in progress for Full Professor in Sport Science and Director of the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport (TISS), and Assistant/Associate Professor in Sociocultural Studies of Physical Activity and Health.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)

Dean Kerr noted the launch of the Office of EDI, led by Terry Gardiner, consolidating EDI efforts across KPE. The mandate includes advancing inclusive leadership, supporting legislative compliance (Ontario Human Rights Code, Bill 166, AODA), and fostering belonging.

Recent initiatives include:

- Panel on Violence in Sport with Hart House Black Futures
- Participation in CRIS workshop on Ableism in Academia
- Event on Trans Inclusion in Sport with authors Harrison and Rachel Browne

Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport (TISS).

Dean Kerr noted the successful second annual conference, attended by Federal Secretary of Sport Adam Van Koeverden and congratulated Professor Ira Jacobs for leading the event.

Fall Convocation on October 28, 2025

Professor Ira Jacobs will be the convocation speaker, with a reception to follow for graduands and families.

Dean Kerr expressed her appreciation to all members for their ongoing contributions with a special word of thanks to members of our student councils who are graduating or moving on to new endeavours.

b. Vice-Dean, Programs – A. Stirling

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Professor Stirling announced that changes had been made to the names of the areas in the Sport & Rec portfolio to reflect the mandate of the programs and services. The programs and activities have not changed:

- The co-curricular programming of Sport and Recreation will now be called Active Healthy Living.
- Sport Medicine will be called Sport and Exercise Medicine to reflect the inclusion of kinesiology services and create opportunities for potential expansion of services including kinesiology and exercise medicine.
- Intercollegiate Athletics will be called Inter-University Athletics.

Prof. Stirling welcomed Dalton Myers as the new Director of Inter-University and High-Performance Athletics, bringing a wealth of expertise in coach development, and student-athlete services.

Prof. Stirling noted the success of our teams in Fall sports, including OUA Championship banners in Baseball, Men's Tennis and Women's Tennis. OUA Championships in Softball, Golf, Lacrosse, and Cross-country, with Field Hockey and Soccer occur in early November.

Two new Professional graduate programs were launched, Master of Sports Sciences and Master of Kinesiology, with full cohorts for both.

KPE will have its University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP) this year. This is an assessment of the quality of all academic and co-curricular programs, as well as the broader Faculty, starting with a self-study process across the Faculty, followed by a visit by external reviewers. This occurs every eight years and is overseen by the University, which then reports to the broader Ministry.

Prof. Hutchison asked for clarification of the name reference of the Sport Medicine Clinic. Prof. Stirling assured that there is no change to the name of the Clinic, which is the longest-standing Sport Medicine Clinic in the world. There were no other questions.

c. Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education – C. Amara**Winter 2025 Final Marks Report:**

These are usually reported in May but were not ready at the time, as a few compulsory courses had delays with the reporting of grades. The Winter Term marks were unremarkable, being similar

across course for past years. There are no special circumstances to report. The marks were approved on a rolling basis, as has been the practice and that has worked well.

2024-2025 Academic Audit:

Prof. Amara presented the Audit Report and thanked Tim Linden in the Registrar's Office for preparing the data and reviewing the grades across all courses. The reports cover probation and suspensions, which averages are about consistent to those in the past, and she credited all KPE instructors, especially in the compulsory courses in the first and second years.

There were 211 graduates in June 2025 – high honours, honours, regular and one graduate (the last) in BPHE, which program is closed.

Summer 2025 Final Marks Report:

KPE offered 10 courses in the summer which were well enrolled. The marks were typical of those in the past, but there were some changes and concerns about academic honesty, or dishonesty, in some courses. There are 34 students in the audit report, these being students who have incurred probation or suspension. Six of the students did well and pulled themselves back into good standing. Four students came into summer courses having incurred suspension and, remaining in that status, have begun their suspension this term.

Prof. Arbour-Nicitopoulos asked if the requirements for Summer courses are the same for Fall and Winter, such as labs and practicals. Prof. Amara confirmed that the courses are more condensed as there is less time, but they have twice the number of hours per week for the coursework. The instructors have access to the regular term course outlines and communication with the instructors, especially for the compulsory courses.

There were no other questions.

d. Associate Dean, Research – T. Welsh

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The [Research Report](#) has now been published and is available online. To be environmentally friendly, it will be circulated by email with a link to the website and a PDF copy. There are limited hard copies available which can be requested if needed.

The internal Faculty Research grants and the TISS KPE Seed grant have now been launched, closing November 15. An email was circulated with the guidelines and application forms. For information and questions, the Research Services Office or Prof. Welsh can be contacted.

A number of grants are coming due soon, such as the NSERC Discovery Grant, which closes internally October 30, not November 3 as indicated in the report submitted with the agenda. The MRAs need to be submitted on October 27 to give the Research Services Office and Prof. Welsh time to review.

Prof. Welsh congratulated Prof. Baker on being featured on CBC Metro Morning on October 16, discussing the pressure facing the Blue Jays team. Prof. Welsh encouraged faculty members to contact the RSO about any topics that would interest the public for sharing. He reminded that the

RSO also produces visual abstracts for distribution on social media for sharing recent achievements. Prof. Welsh encouraged being proactive in sharing with the community.

e. Chief Administrative Officer – P. Handley

Mr. Handley provided an update on Capital Projects.

Back Campus Field turf replacement has been severely delayed due to several challenges. However, one field was expedited for use in the Fall, and the other should be ready at the end of October/early November.

The Benson Elevator Project also encountered delays, typical of what happens when working in old buildings.

Two projects were closed out:

- The Varsity Stadium Light Replacement Project, moving from energy-intensive to LED, which is better for performance and the environment.
- The Warren Stevens Green Wall Project, which freshens the air in the building.

There were no questions.

7. EDU and Institute Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies – S. Darnell

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The CSPA is currently working with partners from Brock University, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Foundation, and the Ontario Sports Network to host the Ontario Sport Community Summit November 19 at the Enercare Centre, Toronto, with important speakers on Sport Policy at a provincial level and specifically community-level sports across the province. More information available here: [Ontario Sport Community Summit - by Kyle Rich](#)

Planning has commenced for the 2026 hosting of the third annual Donnelly Lecture in Sport Policy Studies. More information will be shared.

There were no questions.

b. Centre for Motor Control – L. Tremblay

See the *October 17, 2025, Faculty Council Report* circulated with the agenda and attached as Appendix B.

Prof. Tremblay thanked everyone who supported the Southern Ontario Motor Behaviours Symposium at U of T on May 30.

There were no questions.

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

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MPARC has been extending its research with Move You Happy You, the long-standing, exercise for mental health program. They are now partnering with local high schools to introduce mental health

programming and wellness to about 360 students, who will come through MPARC over the year to engage in the research tied to Move U Happy U.

MPARC has been working with UTM and plans to do more work with UTSC in terms of cross-campus initiatives tied to mental health and physical activity.

There were no questions.

d. Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport (TISS) – T. Welsh for I. Jacobs

Prof. Welsh presented the report on behalf of Prof. Jacobs who had sent regrets.

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8. Other Business/Announcements

Prof. Arbour-Nicitopoulos announced the Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise Conference hosted by KPE, along with Profs Atkinson and Tamminen. Abstract submission deadline is November 15. Prof. Nicitopoulos asked for this information to be shared with students. More information is available here: <https://www.qrsesoc.com/call-for-papers>

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am (Motion: Stirling).

The motion was carried.

Faculty Council Orientation

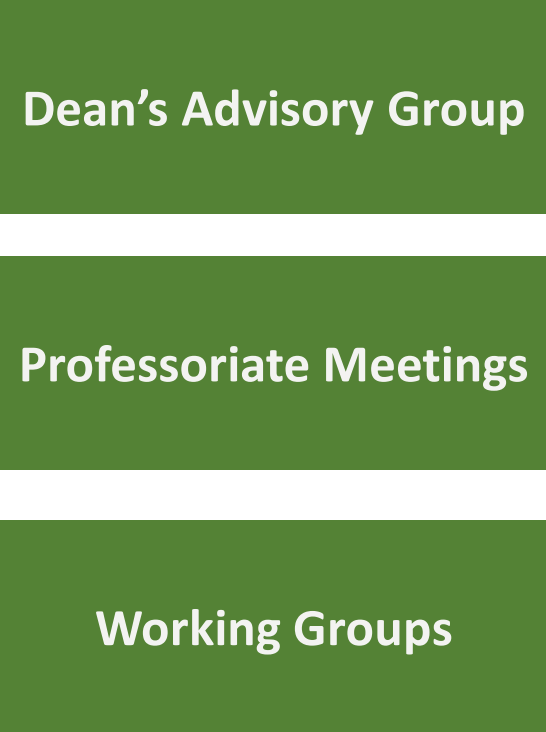
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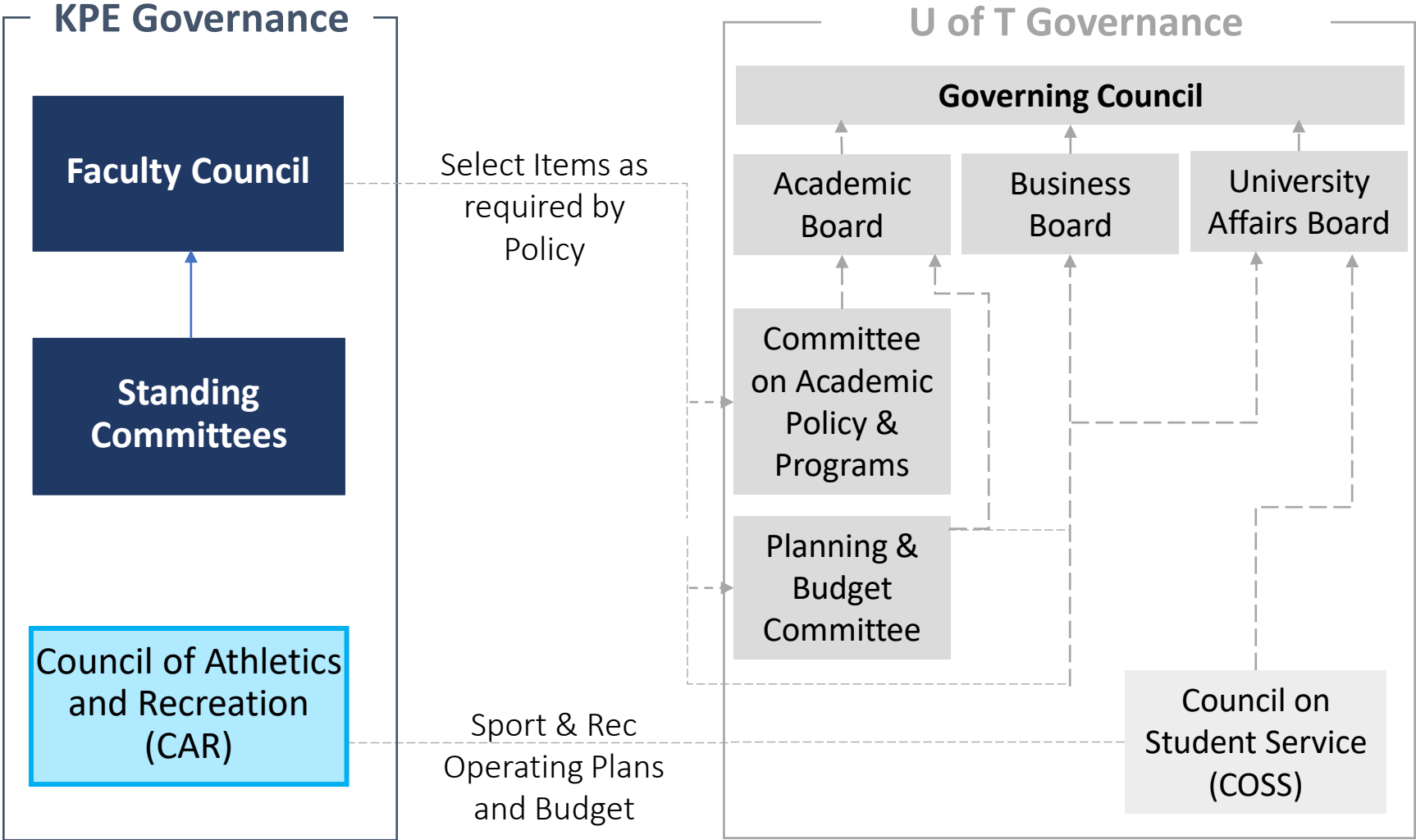
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KPE Structure

ADMINISTRATION



GOVERNANCE



Mandate of Governance

Primary functions of governance are:

Approval

Approves specific policies, plans or projects according to established procedures.

Oversight

Receives a wide variety of reports and information through which it *monitors the quality and substance of institutional leadership and decision-making.*

Advice

Provides input, sometimes in confidence, on proposed initiatives at various stages of development.

Role of Faculty Council Members

Adapted From Expectations and Attributes of Governors and Key Principles of Ethical Conduct

<https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/expectations-and-attributes-governors-and-key-principles-ethical-conduct>

- Advancing and upholding the mission of the Faculty
- Provide relevant input into the Faculty's vision, strategies and objectives
- Understanding that the Faculty Council's role is one of oversight with a focus on strategic matters rather than management or administration
- Voting on all matters requiring a decision except where a conflict of interest may exist

Conflict of Interest

Members who in any way has a personal/financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any matter being considered by the Council “must” declare his/her interest.

Members with a conflict of interest shall abstain from participating in discussion and shall not vote.

Best practice is that the member remove themselves from the meeting during the item.

(Governing Council By-Law #2)

Questions may be directed to the Chair, Vice-Chair and/or Secretary.

Faculty Council Membership

Voting members:

All Teaching Staff

Representatives from the following groups:

Undergraduate students

Graduate students

Administrative staff

Emeritus professors

Alumni

Ex-officio

President of the University, or designate

Vice-President and Provost, or designate

Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, or designate

Dean of the Faculty

Professional Librarian

Vice Dean(s), Associate Deans and/or Assistant Dean(s)

Chief Administrative Officer

Executive Directors

Registrar

Director, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

President of the Faculty's Undergraduate Student Society

President of the Faculty's Graduate Student Society

President of the Alumni Association

Faculty Council's Specific Powers and Duties (summary)

- Establish policies/standards regarding academic matters delegated to Faculty Council (appeals, curriculum, admissions)
- Award scholarship, bursaries, prizes and other awards
- Consider content, quality and requirements of academic programs and courses over which the Faculty has authority
- Approve proposals for major and minor modifications to existing academic programs, diplomas, and certificates
- Review and approve, or recommend for approval, EDU proposals
- Approve transcript notations
- Determine number, composition and authority of its committees

KPE Faculty Council Structure

Faculty Council

Standing Committees

Executive

Admissions (UG)

Curriculum (UG)

Appeals (UG)

Graduate

Research

Examples of Governance Items

FOR INFORMATION

Admissions (Graduate)	Graduate Committee: Applications, offers and acceptance reports
Admissions (Undergraduate)	Admissions Committee: Applications, offers and acceptance reports
Academic Calendar Updates (Minor Modification)	Curriculum or Graduate Committee for approval Reported to Faculty Council
Academic Audit (Undergraduate)	Yearly report from the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education
Final Marks Report (Undergraduate)	Report per term from the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education
Research Initiatives	Regular reports from the Research Committee
Extra-Departmental Units	Reports to Faculty Council

Examples of Governance Items

FOR APPROVAL

Award Records (Proposals for New Awards and Revisions to Awards)	Faculty Council for approval
Membership of Standing Committees	Faculty Council for approval
Extra-Departmental Units (New)	Faculty Council for approval or recommendation to GC
New Programs	Relevant Standing Committee for recommendation to Faculty Council to Approve

Faculty Council Secretariat Contact

kpe.council@utoronto.ca

Appendix B: October 17, 2025 Faculty Council Reports

4. Reports of the Standing Committees of Council for Information

a. Undergraduate Curriculum – S. Darnell

The undergrad curriculum committee met on Oct 6 for the first item this academic year. Items discussed included: revising and streamlining the process for reviewing undergraduate course outlines; updating the undergraduate course evaluation process; curriculum mapping to be undertaken this academic year; and a pending review of labs and lab resources now and in future. These are all items the UCC will work on this year, in addition to addressing any changes to course outlines or undergraduate programs.

b. Undergraduate Admissions – M. Locke

There were a total of 2673 applications and as of Oct. 9 there are 341 new registered students. This consists of 225 domestic students (Ontario high school - down by 31 from last year) and 106 international, mature, transfer and Canadians outside of Canada (increased by 8 compared to last year).

c. Graduate Committee – M. Hutchison

The committee met on September 26, 2025. During the meeting the Chair provided an overview committee's function along with details on external awards, award deadlines, admission deadlines and procedures.

The committee discussed the process for course outlines with particular attention to situations where the committee may need to consider the approval of minor modifications.

Additionally, the Associate Dean, Graduate Education provided a summary of priority areas including the upcoming UTQAP process, initiatives to enhance Grad Student Experience, potential Grad Specialization Collaborations, and processes for defenses. The member from KPEGS indicated their enthusiasm to assist with the Grad Student Experience.

d. Research Committee – T. Welsh for J. Baker

1) Review of Terms of Reference

Research Committee reviewed and discussed the membership and roles, responsibilities, and operations of the committee as outlined in the FKPE By-Laws.

2) Activities to Support Grant Writing

Research Committee discussed and considered several initiatives and activities developed by the Office of the Vice President of Research and Innovation (OVPRI), and how the Research Services Office in FKPE could augment those activities to specifically support researchers in FKPE (RSO-FKPE). Initiatives lead by OVPRI include: Strategic Grant Writing Team, Faculty Writing Accelerator, and Crafting Competitive Grants. To augment these multi-week supports, the Research Committee suggested the RSO-FKPE

consider establishing flexible and less formal activities such as weekly group writing periods and establishing pathways for peer-to-peer review.

- 3) Review of Grants Administered within FKPE
Research Committee had a discussion regarding the TISS-FKPE Seed Grant, Internal Faculty Research Grant, and SSHRC Institutional Grant Competitions. The committee recommendations were forwarded to the respective administrators for final decision and approval.

5. Student Governments' Reports

a. KPEUA (TBD)

Verbal Report

b. KPEGS – E. Sullivan

Verbal Report

6. Deans' Report

c. Dean's Report

Verbal Report

d. Vice-Dean, Programs – A. Stirling

In alignment with the KPE Academic Plan and the Programs Action Plan, program areas have been renamed to better reflect their mandates:

- Sport & Recreation is now referred to as **Active Healthy Living (AHL)**
- Sport Medicine Clinic is now defined as **Sport and Exercise Medicine (SEM)**
- Intercollegiate & High Performance Athletics is now labelled as **Interuniversity & High Performance Athletics (IHPA)**

The collective of co-curricular programs continues under the name **Sport and Recreation** and is governed by the **Council of Athletics & Recreation**.

All programs and services within these program areas continue as before. Notably, in **Active Healthy Living**, the Fall semester launched with 12 intramural and tri-campus sport leagues and over 70 divisions and opportunities in the Fall Semester, including inner tube water polo as a year-round offering. More than 100 casual staff have been hired and trained, and hiring is ongoing. Open Gym participation remains strong, and the strength and conditioning centres are well used. Inclusion and access remain a top priority, with activities this past month including a S&R Queer Orientation event on September 15th and the launch of a pilot introducing new sensory gear in aquatic instructional programs for supporting individuals with neurodiversity needs. In the months of August and September, the AHL team engaged in 23 campus events promoting programs to thousands of students.

First Aid and CPR courses are now open to U of T staff, students, faculty, and community members, with discounts for U of T staff and students.

Sport & Exercise Medicine is expanding its services to include additional sports psychiatry and sport psychotherapy hours, as well as the addition of a third sports orthopedic surgeon. The new electronic medical record (EMR) system is now operational.

I am also very pleased to share that effective September 2, Dalton Myers joined the KPE as **Director, Interuniversity & High Performance Athletics**. All Fall Sports teams are currently in regular season play and heading into the playoffs later this month. U of T is proud to be hosting the USPORT Men's Soccer Championship November 6-9.

In the **Office of the Registrar and Student Services (ORSS)**, BKin Admission Applications are open, with a November 7 deadline for International Students and a January 15 deadline for all others. ORSS continues to collaborate closely with the U of T Office of Student Recruitment to strengthen international recruitment strategies. There is a 40% overall advising appointment increase in comparison to this point last year, and the peer mentorship program and passport to success now continue over the year (started in June). KINections student leadership onboarding is complete and final Exam Prep and Planning is underway.

In **Academic Programs**, guidelines and questions for course evaluations (for OVPIUE) are currently being updated. A new teaching and learning lab has been recently renovated and the new lab equipment is in the process of being set-up. The ongoing launch of our two new graduate programs (MSS and MKIN) continues (first cohorts began in September 2025).

A key priority for the 2025–2026 academic year is the UTQAP (University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process) self-study. KPE is also engaged in an institutional working group and is consulting across program areas to understand how civil discourse may be integrated into the student experience and curriculum. This initiative is intended to promote respectful dialogue, critical thinking, and inclusive engagement across academic and co-curricular settings.

Three (3) **Teaching and Learning** sessions open to all faculty and instructors have been scheduled for 2025-26 (October 20, January 19 and March 23). The format will be an open conversation rather than formal presentations. The goal is to create space for colleagues to share experiences, questions, and ideas around common teaching and learning issues.

e. Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education

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f. Associate Dean, Research

The following is a list of important announcements, notices, and information regarding research and related activities since the previous Faculty Council.

October 17, 2025 Faculty Council Reports

1. Science Café

FKPE was proud to organize and host the next Science Café that will feature Profs. Baker and Tremblay. More details to follow. A reminder that previous Science Cafés and Lectures are posted on the Faculty Website (<https://kpe.utoronto.ca/academics-researchconferences-seminars-symposia/public-seminars-symposia>).

2. Research-Related Seminars and Workshops

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

a. Research Leadership Academy: Insights & Exchanges

- Deadline to Apply: Oct 15, 2025
- Program Starts: January 2026
- <https://cris.utoronto.ca/rdfcohorts/research-leadership-academy-insights-exchanges-2026-27/>

b. Faculty Writing Accelerator

- Deadline to Apply: Nov 28, 2025
- Program Starts: February 2026
- <https://cris.utoronto.ca/rdfcohorts/faculty-writing-accelerator-grants-2026/>

c. Building Thriving Research Teams

- Date: Thurs Nov 20, 1:00-2:30 pm (Virtual)
- <https://cris.utoronto.ca/event/building-thriving-research-teams-nov-20-2025/>

3. Faculty Research Grants:

The Internal Faculty Research Grant and the TISS-FKPE Seed Grant competition will be launching soon (expected deadline for applications: November 15, 2025). Please see future communications for more information on timelines and process.

4. External Research Grants

a. NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Grant

1. MRA submission deadline: October 20, 2025; 5pm
2. Application deadline (submission via NSERC Portal): October 20, 2025; 9am.

b. NSERC Discovery Grant

1. MRA submission deadline: October 27, 2025; 5pm
2. Application deadline (submission via NSERC Portal): October 30, 2025; 9am.

5. Awards and Recognitions

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).

g. Chief Administrative Officer – P. Handley

Verbal Report

7. EDU/Institute Reports for Information

h. Centre for Sport Policy Studies – S. Darnell

1. CSPA is working with partners from Brock, MLSE, and Ontario Sports Network to host the Ontario Sport Community Summit on November 19th at the Enercare Centre. A number of important speakers will be there.
2. Plans are currently underway to host the third Donnelly Lecture in Sport Policy Studies in 2026

i. Centre for Motor Control – L. Tremblay

The Centre for Motor Control hosted the annual Southern Ontario Motor Behaviour Symposium on May 30, 2025. Forty-three presentations were made by undergraduate and graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. As well, a total of 89 attendees represented 9 Universities from Southern Ontario. The quality of the presentations was very high, with topics ranging from the development of manual dexterity in children to flight simulator fidelity assessments. Many thanks to the amazing students from KPE who worked with Prof. Chen, Welsh, and myself to make this event a success. Next Spring, the annual joint event will be held by Ontario Tech University.

As well, we are planning to reconduct a third installment of our annual Motor Control Day in November. Stay tuned for more details.

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

In an extension of MoveU.HappyU and our work with the Ministry of Education, we have built new partnerships with several school boards and secondary schools to deliver physical activity and mental health training. This new initiative has seen incredible uptake with commitments from over 200 students to date. Workshops are scheduled throughout the 2025-2026 school year.

Moveu.HappyU delivery for fall term will start this month. There are 20+ students referred from Health and Wellness who are on the waitlist already.

We finished reporting to UTM on their MoveMentors program and will be seeking further engagement from them for ways to connect on programs and supports.

Future MPARC planning involves an executive team meeting to plan calendar events, and a review of the EDU.

k. Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport (TISS) - I. Jacobs

Verbal Report