

**Faculty Council Agenda**  
**April 5, 2024 12:00 – 2:05 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting, Zoom**

**Link:** <https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/88902019279>

**Present:** Beth Ali, Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Chris Arnold, Robert Bentley, Timothy Burkhart, Rowena Cai, Simon Darnell, Danielle Dobney, Kristine Drakich, Caroline Fusco, Jenna Gillen, Paul Handley, Michael Hutchison, Ira Jacobs, Emma Karamanlian, Gretchen Kerr, Jen Krol, Dveeta Lal, Danielle Lawrence, Marius Locke, Lynda Mainwaring (Chair), Daniel Moore, Amin Mostofinejad, Madeleine Orr, Wendy Pais, Sabrina Razack, Catherine Sabiston, Daniel Sailofsky, Luc Simard, Ashley Stirling, Merrily Stratten, Timur Taha, Katherine Tamminen, Luc Tremblay, Linda Trinh, Timothy Welsh

**Regrets:** Joseph Baker, Barb Brophey, Joyce Chen, Erica Lenton, Lucy Tempest, Fatima Zahra

**Guests:** Sarah Baker, Ennis Blentic, Dorian D'Angelo, Terry Gardiner, Maryanne McCormick, Meredith Strong

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm by the Chair.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was accepted as presented (**Motion:** Fusco/Orr, Carried)
3. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from March 1, 2024 Faculty Council were accepted as presented. (**Motion:** Amara/Ali, Carried)
4. **Committee Reports**

**a. Executive Committee**

Dear Kerr stated that the Executive Committee has been working on the review and renewal process of the Faculty Council's Constitution throughout the academic year, and at the January and March Faculty Council meetings information regarding such review and changes were presented for information. She also added that the Constitution needs to be reviewed every five years as a requirement of the University. Dean Kerr stated that the changes to the Faculty Council Constitution are mainly editorial in nature, such as removing gendered language, updating titles, and adding links to new policies. Some substantive changes include the addition of a Vice-Chair role and stipulating the term of the Chair and Vice-Chair as three years renewable to a maximum of one additional consecutive term.

Dean Kerr made the following motion to the Council: *To recommend for approval to the Academic Board, the amendments to the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education Faculty Council Constitution.* (**Motion:** Kerr/Stirling, Carried)

Dean Kerr stated that the Council of Athletics and Recreation (CAR) is part of the KPE Faculty Council and, as such, changes to the CAR Constitution were considered and approved at the Council of Athletics and Recreation meeting on February 26, 2024, and the revisions were unanimously approved. The changes to the CAR Constitution are also mainly editorial, including removal of gendered language, updating titles, adding links to the policies and ensuring the format is consistent with the Faculty Council's Constitution. In terms of more substantive changes, the Warden of Hart House has been added as an Ex-officio member, and the Director of

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Equity, Diversity and Inclusion also has been added to the membership while maintaining the very important equitable distribution of representation between staff and students.

Dean Kerr concluded her report by making the following motion to the Council: *To recommend for approval to the University Affairs Board, the amendments to the Constitution of the Council of Athletics and Recreation (CAR) as confirmed by CAR on February 26, 2024. (Motion: Kerr/Ali, Carried).*

**b. Undergraduate Examinations**

The full Examinations Committee met on March 18, 2024, and at this meeting the Committee reviewed the petitions that were reviewed and approved by the smaller Petitions Committee. The Petitions Committee reviewed 64 petitions during the month of March and the majority were regarding term work accommodations, with some late withdrawal requests and returns from suspension. The full Committee also reviewed an additional 4 petitions at the March meeting, and these petitions were resolved during the meeting. Associate Dean, Professor Amara concluded her report by thanking the Committee members for sharing their perspectives in resolving these petitions.

**c. Undergraduate Curriculum**

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee met on March 11, 2024. At this meeting the Committee reviewed and approved the course outline for KPE331H1, Sport Analytics, Game Theory and Tactics. Then the Committee reviewed the course descriptions for the Undergraduate Academic Calendar for 2024-25 academic year. The Committee was able to go through all of the course descriptions and approved change requests at this meeting. Associate Dean Amara thanked all of the instructors for answering the call of the Registrar's Office to review their course's descriptions, prerequisites, and submit changes to the Committee for review and approval. Lastly, she thanked the Registrar's Office staff for preparing the course description document for the Committee.

**d. Undergraduate Admissions**

The Committee met on March 29, 2024 to discuss the third round of admission offers. Professor Locke reported that a number of offers have already been made to domestic and international applicants. The Committee has one more round of offers to send out, and then by early June, the Committee will have information regarding how many incoming students will be joining our Faculty during the 2024-25 academic year.

**e. Graduate Committee**

The Graduate Committee held its meeting on March 25, 2024. The Committee was updated on the Doctoral admissions and MA/MSc admissions. 19 Doctoral offers of admissions were sent out. 17 acceptances have been received and include 2 international students and 15 domestic students; 2 are funded by the Doctoral Scholarships from the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport; 1 is supervisor-funded; and 1 is a flex-time PhD (self-funded). The Committee reviewed applications for the Master of Arts and Master of Science programs at the Graduate Committee meeting on March 7, 2024. 23 offers of admission have been sent out, 1 offer is funded by the School of Graduate Studies Inclusive Excellence Admissions Scholarship; 1 funded by a Master's Scholarship from the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport; and 1 is supervisor-funded. The Committee is still awaiting the results of the Canada Graduate Scholarships Master's program (CGS – M) and Doctoral program (CGS-D), and the results should be announced in the month of April. The number of CGS-M applications nominated to the School

University of Toronto - Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education of Graduate Studies were: 6 Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), 1 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and 5 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). CGS-D applications nominated to School of Graduate Studies included: 5 Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), 3 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and 5 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The Committee will be reviewing the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) applications, both domestic and international awards in April. There have been 9 International OGS applications and 53 Domestic OGS applications submitted. The Master of Professional Kinesiology graduate subcommittee is currently reviewing applications to the Master of Professional Kinesiology (MPK) program, and will be discussing offers of admission for MPK students at the MPK subcommittee meeting on April 8, 2024. The Graduate Committee voted unanimously in favour of two motions recommending to the Faculty Council the new Master of Kinesiology and the Master of Sport Sciences programs, for their approval and transmission to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs.

Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen stated that the Graduate Committee has been discussing the development of these two programs since 2022. As part of this development process, external reviewers visited our Faculty and provided a report on the two program proposals. After their visit, their report included very strong and positive comments about the program proposals, and in particular our Faculty's capacity to deliver these programs. They also noted that these programs align well with our Faculty's expertise. The reviewers' comments and suggestions for the programs led to the clarification and elaboration on some of the topics in the proposal. Professor Tamminen updated the Council on the minor amendments that were made to the proposal documents after receiving the external reviewers report. The minor changes included reiterating the Faculty's commitment to embedding EDI considerations throughout the graduate programs and courses, clarifying the role of the capstone courses within the programs, ensuring that resources such as the teaching and learning fund are available to support the teaching expenses for these programs and confirming the Faculty's commitment to professional development opportunities for faculty members to ensure effective course delivery.

The reviewers also noted several valuable suggestions and opportunities for further developing the programs in the future, including expanding part-time pathways, certificate options, and the provision of an accelerated option for undergraduate KPE students seeking entry to these programs. In terms of the Master of Kinesiology program, the reviewers were impressed by the existing human and physical resources within the KPE Faculty. They noted the unique aspects of the program to provide students from diverse backgrounds with learning opportunities and flexibility to choose from a number of courses. With respect to the Master of Sport Sciences program, the reviewers noted that this is a unique program, which integrates research, education, and practice, and that the timing of the proposal is ideal, as sport sciences is a new and emerging field of study in graduate education. The description of the programs, program requirements and the time to completion which were brought forward at the last Faculty Council for information have not changed.

Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen presented the following motions to the Council one at a time:

*To approve the proposal for the new Graduate program: Master of Kinesiology, MKin, effective September 1, 202. (Motion: Tamminen/Hutchison, Carried)*

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*To approve the proposal for the new Graduate program: Master of Sport Sciences, MSS, effective September 1, 2025. (Motion: Tamminen/Orr, Carried)*

Professor Timothy Welsh expressed his appreciation to the Graduate Committee for their work on the two new program proposals. He then expressed his concerns regarding the impact these programs will have on the research-stream students, and also regarding the workload of faculty members based on how the programs are structured. He also had concerns about the comments that the external reviewers noted regarding resources. Lastly, he sought clarification about the nature of the consultations and discussions that took place during the development of these programs. He inquired about the kind of consultations that the faculty might expect regarding involvement in shaping the courses they will be delivering for these programs, and overall, how the process for further refinement would look in the forthcoming years, and if there is a timeline for further refinements.

Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen stated that there will be ongoing discussions and collaboration with faculty members over the course of next year to determine the content of the courses, and whether or not any of the courses need to be changed. She reported that this was noted during the professoriate meeting and on the slides that were circulated. She explained that some courses will remain as research-based courses, some will be designated for the course-based stream, and additional courses would be available to students in all of the graduate programs available at our Faculty. She also noted that course outlines are reviewed annually, and any amendments proposed by faculty members will be considered as part of that regular process. Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen stated that she is keen on engaging further with faculty members teaching in each of these program areas and looks forward to the coordination between these courses to ensure that we are meeting the learning objectives of all of our courses.

Vice-Dean Stirling thanked Professor Welsh for recognizing the amount of work that has gone into the development of these two programs. She then stated that proposals such as these are multi-year projects, often stemming from the initial University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP) which occur every 8 years. As such, new program's initial designs start from the quality assurance process and recommendations about these programs go back to that period of time. The consultation periods are typically over 2-to-3-years, from initial consultation to the implementation when it comes to the development of new programs. Vice-Dean Stirling stated that the consultations, to date, have been regarding the program proposals and specifically what we are voting on today (i.e., the programs, the learning outcomes, the titles of programs and program requirements). Courses, including the specific course descriptions, components, learning objectives will continue to be confirmed on an annual basis. Vice-Dean Stirling addressed Professor Welsh's concerns regarding faculty's workload. She indicated that workload policy will continue to be upheld, and will be considered in allocation of teaching, which again occurs on an annual basis. Vice-Dean Stirling addressed Professor Welsh's question about the use of laboratory spaces and/or resources, stating that no change will be made to the current practice, as standard practice the use of research labs for teaching purposes occurs on a case-by-case basis, and it is done in negotiation with the Principal Investigator. Also, there will be less laboratory components in these programs and currently there are no commitment to lab hours. Additionally, our Faculty has a teaching and learning equipment fund and will continue to be used for any purchase of equipment that may be required for teaching lab-based components in a graduate or undergraduate program. Lastly, Vice-Dean Stirling reiterated that any specific use of the lab spaces would be determined by the individual instructor teaching a particular course, but currently the program does not have any specific commitment in place to use the laboratory

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Associate Dean, Professor Amara shared her perspective on the new graduate programs as a non-biased party who was not involved with the new graduate program development process. She stated that faculty have had ongoing conversations about small graduate class sizes, the implications for teaching and the sustainability of such things. She stated that she does not see the increase in workload as a direct result of these new programs. These conversations about workload are coming to light again because we are actively speaking about these new programs. These similar concerns about workloads have been discussed on a cyclical basis, and these concerns about workloads are not new concerns due to the implementation of said new programs. She also noted that it is important to continue to have these conversations about workloads, but feels that it is separate from the new program proposals. She echoed Vice-Dean Stirling's points, and stated that the programs we currently have are being constantly reviewed and changed. The current graduate programs were reviewed and recently the comprehensive exam process was changed. As such, a program first needs to exist, and then there can be ongoing discussion about how to make improvements. She added that the introductions of these new programs are very forward-thinking strategy and plan, and she was grateful that the reviewers recognized our Faculty's capability to deliver these new programs. Associate Dean, Professor Amara concluded her remarks by thanking Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen and Vice-Dean Stirling for putting together these two program proposals and recognized the tremendous amount of work that went behind the scenes.

Professor Sabiston wanted to ensure that the amendments to the graduate program proposals identified by Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen during her report earlier in the meeting would be included in the Faculty Council minutes. She also echoed Professor Welsh's concerns regarding increase workload, and hopes to gain more clarification regarding the consultation process and the implementation plan moving forward. However, she appreciated the points made by Associate Dean, Professor Amara and thanked Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen for stating the revisions clearly for the Council. She also thanked Dean Kerr for circulating her powerpoint presentation on the proposal refinements. Lastly, she indicated that the Council is being asked to vote on the two program proposal documents, which are 135 pages each. These final documents were sent on Thursday one week prior to today's meeting, prior to a long weekend, and at the end of term, and she expressed her concerns about the Council not having enough notice to review these large documents.

On inquiry, Professor Sabiston confirmed that she was not raising a point of order and the debate on the motions continued.

Dear Kerr clarified for the Council members that the Faculty Council's By-Laws for distributing the agenda and any associated materials within one week of the meeting was met for today's meeting.

Vice-Dean Stirling responded to Professor Sabiston, and stated that all of the comments raised during the meeting will be indicated in the minutes. She indicated that some of the questions are administrative in nature, and reminded the membership that the Council is coming together today to vote on curricular governance-based item. As the governance process dictates, today the Council is voting on the educational programs and the structure of these programs. The ongoing conversations regarding how we will administer these programs and the details by which we will admit students to the programs are distinct from the governance process. The governance process

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Professor Timur Taha stated that the end goal of the Master of Sport Sciences program is to prepare students to be professionals in the field of sport. In particular, he mentioned that the current structure and the course offerings for the sport analytic area seems limited. He expressed that the program in its current structure will not prepare students to work in the field as professionals. He also added that the area of sport analytics emphasizes the importance of having computer science knowledge and in-depth skills in data analytics. However, the structure of the courses as indicated on the proposal would not give students the opportunity to take any computer science courses, also our Faculty does not have the ability to offer program or classes to cover that important area of knowledge. As such, he wanted to share his concerns and expressed that the program will not necessarily prepare students to work as a professional sport analytic.

Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen stated that this program will attract individuals from a variety of educational background, and some students coming into this program might already have education in computer sciences, as part of their undergraduate degree. Students will also have the opportunity to take additional courses from outside of our Faculty. Our Faculty is also interested and looking at opportunities for collaboration with other Faculties. This would mean opportunities for students to take elective courses at a different Faculty outside of the core courses within KPE.

Vice-Dean Stirling indicated that the sport analytics is a concentration within the Master of Sport Sciences program, and it is not the degree itself. As such, it is an option to concentrate one's learning within the broader degree of Sport Sciences. There are two required courses within the degree, the program evaluation and introduction to the Sport Sciences. Students have the option to take specific courses within our Faculty, or beyond our Faculty including in the area of computer sciences. Moreover, every student is required to complete at least one placement and/or capstone project in order to gain practical experience that will help with the transition directly from education into the workplace. We already have a strong line up of potential placement sites for this and our community partners have indicated that their demands for analytics is growing, and there has been strong interest expressed in taking on graduate students in this area. The placement component will also be a key area in which students can gain valuable hands-on experience that will help them bridge what they learn in the classroom to applied practice. These placements specially for sport analytics will also keep our Faculty up to date, as this field is rapidly growing and evolving.

Professor Jacobs inquired if the faculty would have opportunities to augment their expertise.

Vice-Dean Stirling stated that there will be opportunities to continue to augment our faculty's expertise. Our faculty complement has almost doubled in the last decade, and faculty complement continues to be an ongoing conversation with the Dean. However, the Vice-Dean emphasized that the program proposals are based exclusively on our current faculty complement. And we are able to bring on sessional instructors from certain areas of focus if we need to offer additional courses. The hiring of sessional lecturers would continue in the same way as sessional hires at the undergraduate level and for Master of Professional Kinesiology program, where we

University of Toronto - Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education recognize that there are key areas of study where the students would benefit from having someone outside of academia as the instructor.

Professor Welsh appreciated that there would be opportunities to develop new expertise and hiring of instructors, if necessary. Professor Welsh quoted one of the comments made by the external reviewers regarding the Sport Sciences program proposal: “Be as transparent as you can be with your faculty regarding budget of the MSS and resourcing (IT, technologies, etc.). Also support their professional development, when possible, as they will have different graduate students in their classrooms (MA, MSc, PhD and course-based students). Let faculty take the lead in deciding the kind of professional development they need to succeed.” Professor Welsh stated that he hoped that the part regarding faculty taking the lead would extend to the development of the courses within the program. Professor Welsh sought clarification regarding another comment made by the external reviewers about resources. He then read the following comment for the Council, “students will have access to ideas and programs from the research units, labs, and centres of KPE, such as the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport, the Iovate/MuscleTech Metabolism and Sports Science Lab, the Training and Enhancing Motor Performance Outcomes Lab, and much more.” Professor Welsh wanted clarification on what the reviewers’ comments is regarding when they state students will have access to the ideas and programs offered in the lab spaces.

Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen responded to Professor Welsh’s inquiry. She clarified that the program proposal document stated that the students will have access to ideas and programs from various research units, labs and centers of KPE but the reviewers’ comments noted that they were observing that students will have access to the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport, the Iovate/MuscleTech Metabolism and Sports Science Lab, the Training and Enhancing Motor Performance Outcomes Lab. She also noted that there was nothing specifically mentioned about equipment, and the wording of the reviewers’ report is not the same as the program proposal document.

Vice-Dean Stirling clarified for the Council that the decision of hiring new faculty complement is exclusive to the Dean. She then noted that the reviewers remarked that our current faculty is unique and that the proposed programs were assessed on whether our faculty had the expertise to justify them and on the appropriateness of the learning outcomes. She explained that the process for proposing the new graduate programs was followed in accordance with the Framework for the University of Toronto Quality Assurance (UTQAP). Vice-Dean Stirling mentioned that when we speak about access to labs, it is the access to knowledge generation. Students will be in the presence of these bodies of knowledge that are being actively produced and generated within our Faculty.

Associate Dean, Professor Tamminen concluded her report by thanking Vice-Dean Stirling, Professor Atkinson and Wendy Koslow for their tireless work on these very important program proposals.

**f. Research Committee**

Professor Moore reported that the Committee met on March 18, 2024 and at this meeting the Committee reviewed the Summer Undergraduate Research applications. There were 25 very strong applicants. 6 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) applicants, 3 University of Toronto Excellence Award (UTEA) and 1 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council – Undergraduate Student Research Award (NSERC USRA) applicants were

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**g. Council of Athletics & Recreation – No Report**

**h. Equity Committee – No report**

**i. Awards Committee**

- **Amendments to existing awards**

- **KPE Alumni Shield:** The Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education Alumni Shield award is a non-monetary award. The amendments to this award are to the wording regarding how this award is awarded. Previously, the award stated that there would be a vote by students, but this has not occurred in a while. As such, the language under ‘application’ have been updated to following. “The top twenty (20) graduating students with highest CGPA (minimum 3.5 or higher) are invited to apply. Winners are chosen by an internal selection Committee.”

Professor Timur Taha made the motion to the Council to approve the amendments to the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education Alumni Shield award. (**Motion:** Taha/Stirling, Carried)

- **Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport Research Scholarships**

The amendments to this award are to raise the amount of money awarded for each of the three categories. At the Master’s level, the amount has been increased up to \$15,000. The award for PhD. Students would increase up to \$25,000, and lastly the postdoctoral fellowships award has been increased up to \$60,000.

Associate Dean, Research Professor Moore, inquired if students who received this award in the past year at the lower amount would be renewed at the new higher amount, or remain at the existing level.

Professor Taha stated that the Awards Committee’s work does not deal with anything beyond what is written in the documents regarding the amendments. Professor Taha stated representatives from the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport would be able to speak on how this amendment will play out from a financial point of view.

Professor Jacobs stated that the reason behind adding ‘up-to’ in the amendment was essential to allow for flexibility that changes with the amount of funding that are available every year. The number of students who successfully complete the program dictates how much funding is available for the subsequent year. Adjustments are made to the funding accordingly, and the institution works closely with the Vice-Dean’s and the Registrar’s Office office before funding letters are sent to students. There is a commitment to provide the graduate students with the same amount of funding that they received in the previous year. Professor Jacobs also added that how such funding is allocated may change between the Tannenbaum Institute’s funding and any other funding the Registrar’s Office and the Vice-Dean have arranged.

Professor Sabiston inquired if students will have opportunities to apply for student driven TISS funding, or if these awards will only exist as acceptance awards during admission



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Professor Jacobs stated that when funding was available for the TISS research trainee scholarships, that year was an exception. There were two cycles of awards that were awarded, one for students who were in-program and a second for students who were being admitted to the program. This in-program scholarship, no longer exists. Students admitted to the graduate program for the year 2024-25, and the awards given to them might be seen as admission scholarships, but this is not how the award has been awarded.

Professor Stirling thanked TISS for these scholarships, which have been given at such high values. These scholarships have allowed students into the programs who may not have otherwise been accepted, and this has ultimately increased the number of graduate students that have been coming into our programs. As a result, this has also enhanced noticeably the number of students conducting research specifically on science and sport. Moreover, these scholarships have increased noticeably the number of PhD and Master's Students to our programs. Professor Stirling concluded her remarks by formally thanking TISS for the structure, the design, and for the funds that have been made it possible to enhance our graduate education.

Professor Taha then made the motion to accept the amendments to the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport Research Scholarships. (**Motion:** Taha/Jacobs, Carried).

- **New Awards**

- **The Chee Family Award in Distance Running:** This award is being generously gifted by Wayne Chi, and the award value is \$5,000 for one award recipient annually. It will be granted to a varsity blues, male or female, graduate or undergraduate distance runner on the basis of athletic performance with a preference given to a student entering their first year of studies. The award is made on recommendation by the coach and the final selection of the successful candidates will be made by the Senior Director responsible for intercollegiate athletics. Professor Taha made the motion to the Council to accept the new award, *The Chee Family Award in Distance Running*. (**Motion:** Taha/Ali, Carried).
- **Toronto Varsity Blues Football Award:** This award was generously endowed by David Scandiffio. Mr. Scandiffio is a T-Holder, and received his Bachelor of Science in 1994. Mr. Scandiffio endowed \$100,000 for this award. The recipient will receive this award as an annual income. It will be awarded to varsity blues football student-athletes enrolled full-time with a preference to those who demonstrate financial need. One recipient annually is preferred, however the final decision is left up to the discretion of the coach in consultation with the Senior Director responsible for intercollegiate athletics. Professor Taha made the motion to the Council to accept the new award, *Toronto Varsity Blues Football Award*. (**Motion:** Taha/Kerr, Carried).
- **The Shirley Eckel Kerr Memorial Award for Excellence in Track and Field:** This award is endowed by Dean Gretchen Kerr and her family. It was endowed in December of 2023 in honor of the family's late mother, Shirley Eckel, who was an Olympic hurdler, and also a U of T alumna. The award will be awarded as an annual income from the endowment to the award recipient and it will be granted annually to a varsity blues track and field graduate or undergraduate athlete on the basis of athletic performance, with

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preference given to a female hurdler. Professor Taha made the motion to the Council to accept the new award, *Shirley Eckel Kerr Memorial Award for Excellence in Track and Field*. (**Motion:** Taha/Jacobs, Carried).

Professor Taha concluded his report by thanking the donors for their generosity. Professor Taha extended special thanks to Dean Kerr and her family, Wayne Chi and David Scandiffio.

**j. Restricted Funds Committee – No report**

**k. Sponsorship Committee**

The Committee met during the month of March, the focus of the meeting was largely around the pending changes to the Constitution, and the committee also discussed what was working well with the committee and things that could be improved going forward.

**5. EDU Reports**

**a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies**

The Center for Sport Policy Studies hosted the Inaugural Peter Donnelly Lecture in ‘Sport Policy Studies’ on March 21, 2024. Dr. Parissa Safai from University of York gave the keynote address. The event had around 200 participants registered to attend the talk in-person, and approximately 65 to 70 participants joined the talk virtually from around the world, including Europe and South America. The event was a huge success, and Professor Darnell thanked the Research Services Office and KPE Communications office for their support and assistance with this event. The Centre is looking forward to hosting this event again next year.

**b. Centre for Motor Control**

Professor Tremblay stated that the Centre for Motor Control will be co-hosting the Southern Ontario Motor Behaviour Symposium on Friday May 3, 2024 at the University of McMaster. The call for submissions is open until 12pm (noon) on April 17. Anyone interested in submitting a title for a presentation or wishes to attend the Symposium, please contact Professor Luc Tremblay by email and Professor Tremblay will provide the link for the submission form. The Centre is looking forward to reporting on that Research Symposium at the next Faculty Council.

**c. Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre**

Professor Sabiston informed the Council that the Eastern Canadian Sport and Exercise Psychology Symposium was held at the University of Toronto, Hart House on March 15 and 16, 2024. There were over 170 students from Eastern Canada and 20 Professors at this event. Dr. Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos and Mr. Terry Gardiner were the keynote speakers. Lastly, Professor Sabiston thanked the Faculty for the support in helping run this student conference.

**d. Centre for Sport-Related Concussion Research, Innovation and Knowledge – No report**

**6. Deans’ Reports**

**a. Dean**

Dear Kerr stated that this time of the year we celebrate and recognize members of our community for their various wonderful achievements. Recently, we celebrated the Dean’s Student Leadership Awards. The President also hosted his annual recognition luncheon of our varsity athletes. The week before, our Faculty hosted the Intramural Banquet and the Bertha Rosenstadt National Undergraduate Research Conference. Dr. Gerome Manson, an KPE Alum

University of Toronto - Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education was the keynote at this conference. Dean Kerr also added that tomorrow is the Intercollegiate Recognition event, and our Faculty's convocation will be on June 6, 2024, where we will be joined by our Honorary Doctorate recipient Wilton Littlechild. Dean Kerr concluded her report by wishing all of our students well with their upcoming final exams and final assignments.

**b. Vice-Dean, Programs**

Vice-Dean Stirling wished everyone best for the upcoming examination period. She also noted that the summer term MPK course will be starting at the end of April. Lastly, the BKin Summer term course registration will be starting on April 8, 2024.

**c. Associate Dean, Research**

Associate Dean, Research Professor Moore announced to the Council that Professor Linda Trinh was successful in obtaining a 5-year Project Grant from Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

**d. Executive Director, Athletics & Physical Activity**

The Intramural, Intercollegiate and Tri-Campus League competition has concluded for the 2023-2024 academic year. Physical activity and drop-in programs continue at an enhanced level to support students throughout the exam period. The Mobile MoveU will continue programming at the Robarts Library, providing short physical activity breaks and refreshments to students for the month of April. Annual student recognition events continue for the remainder of the week. Lastly, Ms. Ali offered best wishes to our U of T high performance student athletes who are competing at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. She also mentioned that trials are in place for various sports over the next few months in advance of the games in Paris.

**e. Chief Administrative Officer – No report**

**7. Student Governments' Reports**

**a. KPEUA**

Ms. Karamanlian stated that KPEUA is starting their transition period between the current KPEUA members and the new members for the upcoming academic year.

**b. KPEGS**

Rowena Cai reminded the Council about the upcoming annual Bodies of Knowledge Graduate Research Conference (BOK), and stated that the conference will be taking place on Friday, May 10, 2024. She mentioned that the deadline for abstract submission is April 19 and students can submit their abstracts through the Bodies of Knowledge website. She requested instructors and faculty to encourage their students to sign up for this conference.

**8. Other Business/Announcements – None**

**9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 14:01 (Motion: Fusco/Sabiston, Carried)**