

FACULTY COUNCIL
Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education
January 18, 2019 12:00 p.m.
Margaret Eaton Boardroom, BN 302

Minutes

Present: Margaret MacNeill (Chair), Beth Ali, Ruqayyah Alibhai, Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Tyson Beach, Barb Brophy, John Cairney, Jessica Caterini, Benjamin Divito, Peter Donnelly, Kaleigh Ferdinand Pennock, Caroline Fusco, Jenna Gillen, Michael Hutchison, Ira Jacobs, Shea Kinney, Brenaven Kugamoorthy, Marius Locke, Roseanne Lopers-Sweetman, Wendy Pais, Catherine Sabiston, Boba Samuels, Daniel Santa Mina, Ashley Stirling, Merrily Stratten, Tim Taha, Katherine Tamminen, Scott Thomas, Luc Tremblay, Tim Welsh
Guests: Robin Campbell, Sharon Grandison, Jim Webster
Secretariat: Elicia Giannone (in Carolyn Laidlaw's absence)
Regrets: Jack Goodman, Linda Trinh, Daniel Moore, Erica Lenton

1. Call to Order and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda: The circulated agenda was approved.

(Motion: Amara/Locke; Carried)

3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 7th December 2018 meeting were approved with the following changes:

- a. On page 4 the acronym be amended to MPARC from MHPARC.
- b. On page 8 "CFI organized a visit" should be amended to "CFI facilitated a visit".

(Motion: Divito/Locke; Carried)

4. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

Dean Jacobs informed the council that the Executive Committee endorses the motions that will be brought forward today.

b. Undergraduate Examinations

Professor Marius Locke informed the council that a final marks meeting was held on 16th January 2019. Professor Locke commended Tim Linden for assembling the marks data. The committee reviewed the enrolment numbers, averages, means, standard deviations, and percentages for each course, along with incompletes and academic offenses. Each course was assessed according to faculty marking guidelines and was also compared to the historical record of grades for that course. Only one required course had no item outside of the guidelines. Only one elective course, with greater than 35 students enrolled, had no item outside of the guidelines. This suggests that the guidelines may need to be amended. Similar to previous years, there were many strong averages. However, the committee also noticed that the standard deviation tended to be lower, so

the committee would like to encourage professors to spread out the marks. Two courses assessed by the committee had low standard deviations in comparison with previous years and one course had a higher mean than in previous years. Professor Locke will follow up with the instructors of these three courses.

No required courses had an average below 70%; Professor Locke commended the students for this. The average class range was from 70.7% to 80.5%. For elective courses, the lowest average was 73.7% and the highest was 85.4%. The committee has approved the submitted marks. The committee has also made suggestions for improving the span of standard deviation of grades, including reviewing the existing marking guidelines and looking into better ways of returning marks to students in a more timely manner.

Vice-Dean Ashley Stirling added that in courses with narrow standard deviations, there were also a low number of A+ marks. The intention of seeking a wider standard deviation of grades will also help top students excel with more A grades at the high end of the deviation.

Dean Ira Jacobs also suggested that the committee consider whether theory has evolved in terms of expectations for the distribution of grades. Some discussion took place on the committee's current methods of evaluation. The committee intends to conduct more discussions on methods of improvement.

c. Undergraduate Curriculum

Professor Catherine Amara sought approval from the council for the Global Kinesiology & Physical Education (University of Toronto Global Scholar) certificate. One item that has been amended in the "University of Toronto Proposal to Create a Certificate in Conjunction with an Undergraduate Program" is the method by which students request this designation (Page 5). Interested students need to make a written request to the Registrar's Office for consideration for the certificate. With the endorsement of the Committee Professor Amara put forth the following motion
(**Motion:** Cairney/Divito; Carried):

Motion: That the proposed certificate, Global Kinesiology & Physical Education (University of Toronto Global Scholar), brought forward by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, be approved effective 1st September 2019.

Professor Amara informed Council that the Committee has been discussing issues of equity and social inclusion in the classroom along with specific concerns raised by students and faculty. As a result, the Committee has generated a brief statement on equity to be included in the course outline template. The statement has been passed on to the Graduate Committee and Kinesiology and Physical Education Graduate Students (KPEGS) for review.

d. Undergraduate Admissions

Professor Timur Taha informed the council about the application statistics of prospective applicants to the Bachelor of Kinesiology (BKIN) program for September 2019. The

official application deadline was 19th January 2019. The unofficial deadline is 1st February 2019; applicants will thereafter need to file an appeal to be considered. Thus far, there are 1,812 applicants in total. This total is over 200 more compared to the same date last year. 1,238 applicants are Ontario high school students. 139 applicants are international students. 435 are Canadian citizens whom are either applying from other provinces or are attending high school outside of Canada. The first admissions round will take place on 11th February 2019. Grades will not be received until 10th February 2019.

e. Graduate Committee

Professor John Cairney informed the council that the Committee is currently working on a graduate course proposed at the last Professoriate meeting. Once reviewed by the Vice Provost office, it can be brought forward to the next Faculty Council meeting for review. Professor Cairney will be presenting the graduate proposal for curriculum mapping at the next Graduate Committee meeting. The Committee is currently in the process of reviewing grant applications at the Masters level for Tri-Council funding.

f. Research Committee

Professor Luc Tremblay sought approval from Council for the *Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre* (MPARC) (2018) as a level D Extra-Departmental Unit (EDU-D). Items amended in the Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre Proposal since the version circulated at the last Council meeting include changing the spelling of “center” to “centre” throughout the document, consistently using the term “Co-Director” throughout the document, and adding to an appendix the names of researchers who have expressed interest in affiliation with MPARC. With the endorsement of the Committee, Professor Tremblay put forth the following motion (**Motion:** Tremblay / Amara; Carried):

Motion: As recommended by the Research Committee, Faculty Council supports the proposal from Profs. Sabiston and Cairney for the establishment of the *Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre* (MPARC) (2018) as a level D Extra-Departmental Unit (EDU-D).

Dean Jacobs expressed his appreciation to Professors Sabiston and Cairney as well as the Research Committee for their work on this proposal. He recognized all extra-departmental units as being an important vehicle for interdivisional collaboration and networking. Dean Jacobs undertook to seek the endorsement of the deans of the health science faculties.

Professor Tremblay informed the council of the upcoming public research symposium taking place on 5th March 2019. An announcement will also be forthcoming by email seeking proposals for the 2020 public research symposium.

g. Council of Athletics & Recreation

Student Co-Chair Ruqayyah Alibhai informed the council that the co-curricular budget presented at the last Faculty Council meeting was passed, resulting in a 2.55% increase to student ancillary fees.

h. Equity Committee – no report.

i. Awards Committee

Robin Campbell presented two new awards for Council approval. The Awards Committee recommends that Faculty Council approve the Steve Thomas Football Award of Merit and the Karen and Rob Sargeant Spirit of '95 Swim Award of Merit. With the endorsement of the Committee Robyn Campbell put forth the following motion (**Motion:** Campbell/Ali; Carried):

Motion: Approval of the Steve Thomas Football Award of Merit.

With the endorsement of the Committee Robyn Campbell put forth the following motion (**Motion:** Campbell/Stratten; Carried):

Motion: Approval of the Karen and Rob Sargeant Spirit of '95 Swim Award of Merit.

j. Restricted Funds Committee – no report.

k. Sponsorship Committee – no report.

5. Centre Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies

Professor Peter Donnelly informed Council that he and Gretchen Kerr's position paper on the review of abuse policy in Canadian sports organizations is now at Canadian Federal Cabinet level. Their project proposed the creation of an independent agency in Canada to deal with harassment and abuse cases in Canadian sports organizations as opposed to the current policy of self-regulation amongst the organizations. Professor Donnelly is hoping to hear back from Kristy Duncan, the Canadian Minister of Science and Sport, next month on the decision that will be made.

b. Centre for Motor Control

Professor Timothy Welsh informed the council that the Centre for Motor Control is planning their annual research conference. The conference will take place on 3rd May 2019. Three members of the Centre for Motor Control, Timothy Welsh, Joyce Chen, and Milos Popovich, are also going to be presenting at the Royal Canadian Institute for Science on 27th January 2019. This event is free and open to the public.

6. Deans' Reports

a. Dean

Dean Jacobs informed the council of recent announcements by the provincial government about a 10% decrease to tuition in all universities in Ontario. There will be an immediate impact on our fiscal resources starting the next budget year. Students will need to have the option to opt-out of any ancillary fees that are attributed to what the directive considers non-essential student services. Sport & Recreation budgeting and planning can remain the same since this is considered an essential student service that is not included

in the general directive. The faculty will be working to find a way to best address priorities and plans over the next few years.

Dean Jacobs acknowledged that the two motions made today are very significant steps for KPE and recognized and congratulated everyone involved.

The University of Toronto Quality Assurance Program (UTQAP) review will commence soon and Dean Jacobs has identified potential external reviewers to the Vice Provost office to review our program. The review consists of a site visit as well as a review of documentation.

The *Final Report of the Task Force on Race and Indigeneity* (2018) was reviewed by Dean Jacobs and next steps involve identifying a process assessing, prioritizing, and implementing the Report's recommendations. Dean Jacobs encouraged everyone to think about the recommendations from their current perspectives as staff, students, researchers, etc.

b. Vice Dean, Academic

At the last Faculty Council meeting there was some discussion about potentially closing the Bachelor of Physical Health & Education program. Vice Dean Stirling informed the council that this is still under review and a motion will be brought forward to a future Faculty Council meeting later this term.

There are preliminary talks amongst various working groups about developing a Master of Coaching program. Vice Dean Stirling invited anyone with interest in developing this program to bring forward their ideas.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Professor Tremblay invited everyone to express any interests for other Extra-Departmental Unit (EDU) proposals.

d. Executive Director, Co-Curricular Athletics & Physical Activity Programs

Beth Ali informed the council that the Sport & Recreation budget was passed last Monday. Beth Ali gave the Council on Student Services (COSS) a presentation on the budget last week, and it was received with positive feedback. The final vote on the budget by COSS will take place in February. Beth Ali commended Sarah Baker's team for creating an excellent video to go along with the presentation.

e. Chief Administrative Officer – no report.

7. Student Governments' Reports

a. Kinesiology and Physical Education Undergraduate Association

Brenaven Kugamoorthy informed the council on the upcoming Kinesiology Games. All venues have been booked. The opening ceremonies will take place on 15 March 2019 at the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport. Currently, 650 students are registered to participate, along with 2 ambassadors from 32 universities, and 60 volunteers.

b. Kinesiology and Physical Education Graduate Students

Jessica Caterini informed the council that the graduate student government is planning the *Bodies of Knowledge Conference* that will be taking place on 9 and 10 May 2019. All rooms have been booked. A running club has been established in conjunction with Exercise Medicine on campus. The run club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

8. Announcements

Career Café will be taking place on 28 February 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Faculty Club.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

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