

Notice of Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building

Agenda

- 1. Chair's Remarks**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of December 7, 2016**
- 3. Business arising from the minutes**
- 4. Dean's Remarks**
- 5. Presentation: Faculty Council Update 2016, Rhonda Lenton & Gary Brewer**
- 6. Other Business**

Faculty of Health meetings support our mission to provide an innovative and supportive environment for learning, discovery and engagement. To ensure our common value of diversity is fully reflected, our events, publications and meetings make every effort to be accessible to all.

2016-2017 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm–4:30pm, Senate Chamber, N940 Ross Building:

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, December 7, 2016
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Minutes

Attendance: G. Abdel-Shehid, R. Bassett-Gunter, L. Beagrie, Y. Bohr, J. Choiniere, M. Dastjerdi, S. Dinca-Panaiteanu, H. Edgell, M. Fox, J. Goldberg, J. Jeffrey, H. Jenkin, E. Jensen, G. Jon, N. Joron, N. Khanlou, L. Lum, P. McDonald, A. Moore, S. Murtha, A. Perry, B. Pilkington, R. Pillai Riddell, N. Richardson, E. Roudier, M. Singh, R. Steele, N. Stuckless, M. Wiktorowicz

Adobe Connect attendance: C. Ardern, N. Davis Halifax, C. Van Daalen Smith.

Guests: W. Anderson, F. Clarke, A. England, R. Bishop, K. Hetherington

1. Chair's remarks

Chair H. Edgell welcomed Council members.

She reminded Council members and guests to sign the attendance book and note dates and time of upcoming Council meetings.

Council will continue to pilot Adobe Connect thus allowing those who are off-site to participate at meetings. The Adobe Connect link will be circulated with Council material.

Members of Council were encouraged to raise name cards when voting and use microphones when addressing Council.

2. Minutes of the Meeting November 2, 2016

Professor N. Stuckless moved, seconded by Professor A. Perry, that the minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting of Council be approved.

The motion carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Dean's Remarks

Dean McDonald welcomed everyone and began by discussing some good news stories within the Faculty.

He acknowledged the enormous contributions and recognition that our membership is achieving. Dean McDonald congratulated Professor J. Katz on the renewal of his Canada Research Chair position; Professor S. Rosenbaum on being awarded the York University Research Chair position; and Professor C. Perry on being named to serve as the Director Academic for the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology. Dean McDonald is impressed by the long list of accomplishments that the Faculty puts forth on a regular basis. He reminded Council members to send a note to F. Clarke, Communications Director, when colleagues deserve recognition for their contributions and so their work can be showcased on the Faculty website.

He also encouraged members to propose ideas and topics that can be shared/addressed at our upcoming Council meetings with Council Chair, H. Edgell.

Dean McDonald provided several reminders: President's University Teaching award nominations can be made until January 30, 2017; Academic Innovation Fund proposals are due February 3, 2017; and the VISTA team

will be recognized in an advertisement in the Globe and Mail.

He thanked the College Master's for organizing the Inspire the Dean event on November 28. He thoroughly enjoyed his conversations with students and is looking forward to making this an annual event.

Dean McDonald has met with donors to support funding for new academic endeavours, student awards and building repairs. He is hoping to establish some new collaborations as well as build on existing partnerships.

He stressed that the underlying theme in his role is to generate opportunities and make connections on behalf of the Faculty of Health. He hopes that his efforts are met with our satisfaction.

Lastly, Dean McDonald wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

5. Mental Health Strategy

Professor L. Beagrie presented York University's Mental Health Strategy. She introduced S. Killick and acknowledged S. Francis whom she worked with to develop the strategy. She referred to the green pamphlets that were provided to Council members.

She underscored that the strategy is community-based and not solely student-focused. The pamphlet provides updated statistics regarding the York University student body, staff and faculty, the framework for a healthy campus and strategic priorities.

The official launch of the Mental Health Strategy took place on October 18, 2016 and featured guest speaker,

E. Windeler from Jack.org who is committed to youth mental health.

The Mental Health Strategy can be found in the University Academic Plan (UAP) as it is a priority for the University. Although the Faculty of Health has acknowledged the strategy in their Institutional Integrated Resource Plan (IIRP), it would ideally be incorporated into all IIRP's across campus.

Professor L. Beagrie commended the Colleges for the inclusive Wellness strategies they are implementing. Additionally, she acknowledged C. El Morr, F. Ahmad and P. Ritvo who were recently granted CIHR funding for their Mindfulness Virtual Community Project. She thanked the Colleges and the Faculty of Health whom she felt have always been supportive of the Mental Health Strategy.

S. Killick stated that Council members can submit questions or suggestions to mhinfo@yorku.ca. The strategy is owned by everyone on campus and feedback is welcome. For more information, the strategy can be found at yorku.ca/mentalhealth.

6. Senate Policies and Guidelines

R. Bishop presented the newly implemented and updated Senate Policies and Guidelines to Council.

The Repeating Passed or Failed Courses for Academic Credit Policy has been updated to include a third attempt. This policy will now allow students to enrol in a course for a third attempt without having to file an academic petition to do so. The first and second attempt at taking the course will still appear on the student's transcript but will contain a grade qualifier of NCR (No Credit Retained) and will not be factored into the student's GPA. The

update to this policy will hopefully alleviate the number of academic petitions that are filed annually to retake a course for a third time.

The Withdrawn from Course (W) Policy states that a student is able to withdraw from a course without receiving a grade up until the last day of courses in a term. A “W” will still appear on the student’s record as the grade decision but no credit value will be included in the calculation of the student’s GPA. There will be exceptions where a “W” is not applicable for students including Graduate programs, Practicum courses, co-op or learning placements and registration at another institution. This option is available to Faculty Petitions Committees for those petitions where a student is requesting late withdrawal from a course.

The Course Relief Policy allows students who transfer majors or degree programs to ask for courses from their previous major to be omitted from their OCGPA calculation. This is the most complex legislation to implement. Students will only be able to apply for course relief once. The courses taken will appear on the transcript with a grade identifier of RLF (Relief) but their GPA will be revised to omit those courses that were granted course relief. Students are unable to apply for course relief in general education courses, elective courses, basic science requirements, and courses where a breach of Academic Honesty has been imposed. The policy does not negate a negative academic decision such as required to withdraw or debarment.

7. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee

Vice-Chair N. Richardson provided the report.

Vice-Chair N. Richardson announced that Professor R. Pillai Riddell was acclaimed to serve as the Faculty of

Health representative on the Senate Executive Committee.

8. Report of the Curriculum Committee

Professor R. Bassett-Gunter moved that the minor changes to the specialized degree program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science in Global Health in the Faculty of Health be approved, effective Fall 2017, seconded by Professor L. Beagrie.

The motion carried.

9. Senator’s Report

Senator H. Tamim provided a written report to Council. Both the report and the Senate meeting synopsis are posted on the Council website. Questions regarding the report can be directed to Senator H. Tamim via email.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned.

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