

Minutes of the Meeting of the KPE Faculty Council

January 24, 2025, 10am

Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Present: Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Chris Arnold, Tom Babits, Joseph Baker, Robert Bentley, Timothy Burkhart, Joyce Chen, Hannah Chown, Simon Darnell, David Frost, Terry Gardiner, Jenna Gillen, Paul Handley, Michael Hutchison, Ira Jacobs, Gretchen Kerr, Amy Kirkham, Marius Locke, Lynda Mainwaring, Jill Mallon, Tricia McGuire-Adams, Erica Nekolaichuk, Wendy Pais, Nicole Ryan, Catherine Sabiston, Daniel Sailofsky, Daniel Santa Mina (Vice Chair), Rachel Scarcello, Ashley Stirling, Erin Sullivan, Luc Tremblay (Chair), Tim Welsh

Guests: Jennifer Colvin, Amanda D'Arcy, Maryanne McCormick, Sharon Ng-Morga, Carole Orane

Regrets: Amina Abdul Jalil, Andrew Alvarez, Michael Atkinson, Sarah Baker, Jacyn Brooks, Barb Brophey, Michael Cournoyea, Kristine Drakich, Caroline Fusco, Elijah Gardner, Carl Georgevski, Jodh Gill, Jack Goodman, Udditi Jalan, Janelle Joseph, Linda Kiefer, Jen Krol, Danielle Lawrence, Darren Lowe, Byron MacDonald, Devonnia Miller, Daniel Moore, Madeleine Orr, Sabrina Razack, Doug Richards, Boba Samuels, Samira Sunderji, Tim Taha, Katherine Tamminen, Lucy Tempest, Linda Trinh, Fatima Zahra

Secretary: Meredith Strong

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. The Chair acknowledged the land on which the University of Toronto operates. He informed that there is awareness of the on-going conversations about the authenticity of land acknowledgements, and that the Faculty Council Executive has been considering how we might engage Land Acknowledgements in alignment with guiding principles of reconciliation with Indigenous People. Professor Tremblay invited follow-up with the Chair and/or Secretary if anyone has feedback for the next Executive meeting on February 12. The Chair outlined the process for participation in the Faculty Council meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda (Motion: Amara, Sabiston)**

The motion to accept was carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Amendments were proposed to the November 1, 2024, Minutes in the Dean's Report and the Undergraduate Curriculum Report.

The amended minutes from the November 1, 2024, Faculty Council meeting were then accepted as presented. (Motion: Baker, Sabiston).

The motion was carried.

4. **Business Arising out of Minutes**

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

5. Faculty Council By-Laws:

Motion: To approve the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education Faculty Council By-Laws.

Professor Kerr noted that the Constitution and By-Laws are to be reviewed every 5 years. There were COVID-related delays, but the process began around 18 months ago. The Faculty Council approved the Constitution in early 2024, and the By-Law review has been underway for over a year, with details being discussed over the last 16 months. Professor Kerr presented slides (Appendix 2) reviewing the principles guiding the process and the consultation process to date. Professor Tremblay indicated that the motion required two-thirds of the members voting in favour to approve.

(Motion: Kerr, Jacobs)

The motion was carried.

6. Reports of the Standing Committees for Information:

a. Executive Committee – G. Kerr

Professor Kerr thanked all for their engagement on the changes to the By-Laws and Ms. Strong for her guidance.

b. Undergraduate Examinations – C. Amara

The Examinations Committee did not meet in December, and there has not yet been a meeting of this Committee. However, the sub-committee continues to meet (weekly basis in between Committee meetings) and has reviewed 196 petitions (term work accommodations, medical, compassionate, late withdrawals etc.), up from the same period last year by about 40 petitions. Since the Committee has not met, the review of the approval of Fall grades have not yet been conducted. In capacity as Associate Dean Undergraduate, Professor Amara informed that the process was smooth, and she thanked the Course Instructors for their very helpful comments, which facilitated the approval process. Professor Amara also thanked Timothy Linden for meticulously preparing all data for petitions and grades.

c. Undergraduate Curriculum – C. Amara

The Committee will meet on January 27 and will continue the discussion of the new Undergraduate Research proposal, which will be shared for feedback with the Professoriate at the next meeting or by email.

At the December meeting, the Winter Term course outlines were reviewed. There was a conversation about making clearer what is required vs what is suggested/recommended in the template. Professors Stirling, Tamminen and Amara and Assistant Dean Pais are to discuss further.

A member asked about Summer Course days and hours for teaching. Professor Amara mentioned that Professor Stirling and Assistant Dean Pais would be following up in the next few weeks.

d. Graduate Committee – K. Tamminen (presented by A. Stirling on her behalf)

Professor Stirling presented the report as included in the agenda (see Appendix 1).

e. Equity Committee – T. Gardiner

The equity committee met on November 20, 2024, and Ms. Strong provided an update on the bylaws review and the proposed shift in status of the equity committee.

This year's U of T EDI representative is Urshian Khalid, Assistant Director of the Multi-Faith Centre who also has a BKin degree. She provided a preview of upcoming projects including building capacity for students to engage in and facilitate conversations across differences. There was excitement at the prospect of including her particular knowledge and experience on the intersection of faith and physical activity in the EDI efforts at KPE.

f. Research Committee – T. Welsh

The Research Committee has had one meeting since the last Faculty Council meeting, with reports from the Graduate students, Post Doctoral Fellows, and the Co-Curricular representative.

See Report in Appendix 1 for main item of discussion.

g. Council of Athletics and Recreation – E. Sullivan, the Student Co-Chair of CAR (for A. Stirling)

Erin Sullivan, Co-Chair, presented the report as included in the agenda (see Appendix 1).

7. Student Governments' Reports

a. KPEUA – A. Alvarez

Regrets from A. Alvarez. No Report.

b. KPEGS – R. Scarcello (for S. Sunderji)

Rachel Scarcello presented the report as included in the agenda (see Appendix 1).

8. Deans' Reports

a. Dean – G. Kerr

Dean Kerr indicated that the admissions process is underway. Across the University, applications from domestic students to undergraduate programmes are up while applications from international students have decreased. At the graduate level, applications for PhD programs are up while applications for Master's students are down. International politics and our government's move to reduce the number of international students account for these trends.

The Faculty has two ongoing searches for faculty members, one for Biomechanics and the second in Biostatistics. The deadline for applications was yesterday so we will begin to review applicant files as soon as possible.

The Dean remarked that the Science Café on Sports Betting in Canada was superb and well-attended. The speakers included, among others, Professor Emeritus and former KPE Dean, Bruce Kidd, Darrell Adams (KPE Varsity football coach), and Senator Marty Deacon. The event was a wonderful example of the research-informed advocacy work our KPE community members are engaged in to enhance the health and well-being of others.

Another example of KPE's engagement in advocacy is a Roundtable to Develop Submission to the Future of Sport Commission held a week ago. The Federal Government has established a Commission that is engaged in consultations across the country and inviting submissions to improve

the state of sport in Canada. The roundtable was engaging, inspiring and productive and will inform a written report to the Commission.

As part of the Faculty's commitment to transformative inclusivity, Dean Kerr mentioned two upcoming events - Beyond the Finish Line: Exploring Black Canadian Sport Histories, and Pink Light.

Lastly, Dean Kerr extended congratulations to Vicky Sunohara on the announcement of her upcoming induction to the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Hall of Fame this May in Stockholm. A decorated athlete, Vicky is a two-time Olympic gold medalist who has won 15 gold and three silver medals over the course of her 19-year career with the Canadian women's hockey program. She was part of the first wave of elite players who helped establish the Women's World Championship as an annual IIHF event, changing the competitive landscape for women's hockey globally. In addition to being KPE's women's varsity hockey team, she also led the Canadian women's U18 team to a gold medal at the World Championship in Finland.

b. Vice-Dean, Programs – A. Stirling

Professor Stirling presented the report as included in the agenda (see Appendix 1). Additionally, she indicated that the CCUPEKA Accreditation Site Visit is confirmed for March 6 and 7 and that the USport Swimming Championships will be held at the Faculty March 6 – 8.

c. Associate Dean, Research – T. Welsh

Professor Welsh presented the report as included in the agenda (see Appendix 1). Additionally, he reported that the Annual Research Report of the faculty members' activities with respect to Research has been published and e-copy edition is to be released digitally.

The Science Café is now complete, with more than 120 guests. Professor Welsh expressed gratitude to the internal support services. A recording will be posted.

d. Chief Administrative Officer – P. Handley

Mr. Handley reported that the Green Wall project in Warren Stevens building is to start in February 2025, and he will report back when the project is completed.

9. EDU and Institute Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies – S. Darnell

The 2nd Annual Donnelly Lecture will take place on March 20, delivered by Dr. Ian Ritchie of Brock University, title to be released soon. Details to follow.

b. Centre for Motor Control – L. Tremblay

No Report.

c. Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport (TISS) – J. Baker

Professor Baker referred to the report as included in the agenda (Appendix 1) and indicated that momentum for TISS continues to grow within University community, nationally and most importantly, internationally.

10. Other Business/Announcements

Professor Mainwaring noted her endorsement of the re-structuring of the agenda and reporting for the Council meeting. For the submission of the Reports, she requested that it be noted who they were prepared by, if different from those who submitted.

11. Adjournment

The next Executive Meeting is February 12, 2025, and the next Faculty Council meeting is February 28, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am (Motion: Santa Mina).

The motion was carried.

Appendix 1 (Reports included in the agenda)

6. Reports of the Standing Committees of Council for Information

d. Graduate Committee – K. Tamminen

The Graduate Committee met on December 11, 2024, to review and approve course outlines for the Winter term. The Graduate Committee welcomed Samira Sunderji as the graduate student representative from KPEGs to the committee for the year.

Graduate student applications for the Fall 2025 entry are under review. The committee will meet in February to review PhD applications, and in March to review Master's program applications (MA/MSc/MKIN/MSS)

Awards update:

- Vanier: 1 application received
- CGS-Doctoral:
 - o 3 CIHR applications received; 2 advanced to SGS for central competition;
 - o 4 NSERC applications received; 4 advanced to SGS for central competition;
 - o 10 SSHRC applications received, 5 advanced to SGS for central competition.
- CGS-Master's:
 - o 8 CIHR applications received
 - o 7 NSERC applications received
 - o 12 SSHRC applications received
 - o Applications are currently under departmental review
- Ontario Women's Health Scholar Award
 - o 1 Master's application received, advanced to SGS
 - o 5 PhD applications received, 1 advanced to SGS
 - o 1 Postdoctoral application received, advanced to SGS
- Adel S. Sedra Award: 4 applications submitted to SGS and are currently under review
- Doctoral Completion Awards: 7 applicants awarded funding
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship applications and review will occur in March

I would like to again thank the faculty members who are completing reviews of students' scholarship applications this year for the internal review process within the faculty.

f. Research Committee – T. Welsh

Internal Research Grants adjudication:

The Research Committee had a deep and thoughtful discussion regarding the TISS FKPE Seed Grant, Internal Faculty Research Grant, and SSHRC Institutional Grant Competition. The committee recommendations were forwarded to the respective administrators for final decision and approval.

g. Council of Athletics & Recreation – A. Stirling

The Council of Athletics and Recreation (CAR) held its fourth general meeting on January 9, 2025, via TEAMS. Maryanne McCormick presented the 2025-26 Draft Sport and Recreation Budget, highlighting a 4.5% decrease in occupancy costs and a lower-than-expected Student Ancillary Fee increase of 3.13%. These reductions were attributed to lower-than-anticipated costs for utilities and operational expenses post-COVID. The budget,

which also maintained stable compensation and operational costs from the previous year, was approved for presentation to the Committee on Student Services (COSS) on January 22, 2025.

At CAR, the Intramural Sports Council reported over 6,000 participants in fall term leagues, with 42 championship teams. Winter term registration includes 364 teams and nearly 5,000 participants. The Varsity Board shared upcoming events, including a Student-Athlete Appreciation night and the development of a volunteering network. New this year, administrative reports are being provided for information by all campus athletic and recreation partners, including UTM, UTSC, Hart House, and KPE. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2025.

7. Student Governments' Reports

b. KPEGS – S. Sunderji

KPEGS Monthly Newsletter We've launched a monthly KPEGS Newsletter to highlight events, updates, and achievements specifically for graduate students. Faculty members who have relevant information they'd like considered for inclusion are encouraged to share it with me.

December Event Recap In December, we hosted a social event and organized a food drive to support the Fort York Food Bank. Additionally, our Christmas Market event was a success and provided a festive opportunity for students to connect and unwind.

January Events A "Welcome Back" social at Freeplay, featuring arcade games, and a yoga session at the Athletic 3

8. Deans' Report

b. Vice-Dean, Programs- A. Stirling

In Sport Medicine, the clinic signed an EMR contract with TELUS, and data migration is in progress. Hyaluronic Acid onboarding is planned for May 2025, and the clinic is considering adding kinesiologists as consultants.

In Sport & Recreation, new drop-in programs include pickleball, swim, and Learn to Play sessions. The Tri-Campus program added indoor Ultimate, and EDIB initiatives feature an Inclusive PA Day, Move with Pride workshops, Feminist Sport Club activities, and events for Black History Month.

For the academic programs, our Teaching and Learning Priorities were drafted and presented to the professoriate, with minor revisions made. This documentation has now been submitted to CTSI. The next stage in this project will lead to an updating of our course evaluation questions. The BKIn CCUPEKA review and gathering of anti-oppressive teaching content are in progress.

Varsity Athletics updates include the planning for the U SPORTS swim championships in March. The Blues Buddy Up program has returned to schools, and the second school day game of the year, a men's hockey game, is sold out. Notable achievements include Vicky Sunohara's induction into the IIHF Hall of Fame.

The Office of the Registrar and Student Services is working on the implementation of the Student Advising System, with a planned launch in May 2025. The office is also preparing for the 2025-26 admission cycle and planning recruitment activities for high school visits.

c. Associate Dean, Research – Tim Welsh

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

1) Science Café

FKPE is proud to organize and host the next Science Café:

Title: Risking More than a Game: The Consequences of Sports Betting in Canada

Date: January 23, 2025 • 6 - 7 pm

Moderator: Professor Peter Donnelly, University of Toronto, FKPE

Panelists: Coach Darrell Adams, University of Toronto, FKPE

Senator Marty Deacon, Senate of Canada

Professor Emeritus Bruce Kidd, University of Toronto, FKPE

Professor Steve Joordens, University of Toronto, Psychology

2) Research-Related Seminars and Workshops

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

a. NSERC Alliance Webinar on EDI considerations in the Training Plan

i. Tuesday, January 28th, 2025; 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Eastern Time (ET)

Event registration: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/6bded2ee-9b27-4acb-b1f0-9a2408590c19@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65>

ii. Wednesday, February 5th, 2025; 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ET

Event registration: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/69b6d976-7271-43bd-9633-1df23d131656@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65>

3) Internal Faculty Research Grants:

Pleased to announce that there was one awardee for an IFRG:

Caroline Fusco: "Tiocfaidh ár lá"("Our day will come"): A Case study of Irish Sport for Palestine (IS4P) sports activism for Gaza.

4) External Research Grants

a. SSHRC Insight Development Grants • MRA submission deadline: January 27, 2025

• Application deadline (submission via SSHRC Portal): January 31, 2025, 9am.

b. Connaught Mid-Career Grant • FKPE Competition deadline: February 15, 2025

• Application deadline: March 15, 2025

c. CIHR Project grants • Registration deadline: February 5, 2025

• MRA submission deadline: February 26, 2025

• Application deadline: March 5, 2025, 8pm ET

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).

6) FKPE Survey on Research Equipment and UofT Core Facilities

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

9.EDU/Institute Reports for Information

c. Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport (TISS) - J. Baker

Since the previous faculty council meeting, the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport has been quite active. Here is a brief list of key developments:

- a. TISS-Perimeter Think Tank – In November 2024, TISS hosted a small group of researchers from the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, along with invited guests from Canada Basketball, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, The Toronto Blue Jays, and the Canadian Sport Institute Ontario. This meeting explored the concept of causal inference and its applications with large datasets in sport settings.
- b. TISS Seed Grants – In mid-November, applications for the 2024 TISS Seed Grant competition closed. In early December, notice was given to 4 award winners.
- c. TISS-Hockey meeting – In early January, members of TISS met with program directors from USA Hockey and the Swedish Ice Hockey Association, along with researchers from Ontario Tech University and Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment to discuss player development in ice hockey.
- d. TISS Research Accelerator Fund – the call for the 2025 TISS Research Accelerator Fund has gone out and is available here - <https://tiss.ca/for-researchers/research-accelerator-fund/> Letters of Intent for this funding call are due before March 30, 2025.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Best,

Joe Baker, PhD

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