

University of Toronto – Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
Faculty Council Minutes
December 3, 2021 1-2pm
Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Present: Jack Goodman (Chair), Adam Ali, Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Chris Arnold, Michael Atkinson, Robert Bentley, David Brown, Timothy Burkhart, Joyce Chen, Rebekah Choi, Tracia Finlay-Watson, Caroline Fusco, Jenna Gillen, Janelle Joseph, Veronika Katsiuk, Gretchen Kerr, Jen Krol, Marius Locke, Margaret MacNeill, Hassaan Mahmood, Lynda Mainwaring, Jill Mallon, Sabrina Malouka, Wendy Pais, Sasha Renton DeLannoy, Catherine Sabiston, Boba Samuels, Stephanie Sarker, Malieka Shahid, Grant Shantz, Ashley Stirling, Tim Taha, Katherine Tamminen, Linda Trinh, Tim Welsh

Guests: Natalie Agro, Dorian D'Angelo, Sharon Grandison, Maryanne McCormick

Regrets: Beth Ali, Michael Hutchison, Ira Jacobs, Erica Nekolaichuk, Merrily Stratten

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chair.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was accepted as presented. (**Motion:** Ali/Renton DeLannoy, Carried)
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes of October 1, 2021 were accepted as presented. (**Motion:** Arnold/Choi, Carried)
- 4. Committee Reports**
 - a. Executive Committee** – No report
 - b. Examinations Committee**

Professor Amara reported on the status of petitions and examination guidelines. An update was received regarding petitions that had been previously reviewed by the petitions sub-committee, as well as current petitions were reviewed. The examination guidelines were discussed, as well as the possibility of adding an academic integrity statement to this document. The exam guidelines were revised to update references to older technologies, as well to add information about online exams and allowed aids. The motivation to update these guidelines was due to an increase in academic offences over the past year both within our Faculty and across the University, and an increased number of petitions related to exams as well. The exam guidelines are posted in the academic calendar and the Registrar's Office website, and have also been sent to students via email.
 - c. Curriculum Committee**

Professor Amara reported that the committee met to discuss the new Global Scholars minor, the proposal of which has been circulated to Council for information. The minor will be discussed in more detail at the next professoriate meeting, and will be presented for approval at the next Faculty Council meeting. The Global Scholars minor is being offered as a tri campus option that consists of three global leadership courses (2.0 credits in total) delivered in three consecutive years. Additionally, these are to be augmented by KPE courses from our Global Scholars certificate pathway (2.0 credits required). Students who complete all of the requirements can have the minor recognized as part of their degree. Professor Fusco offered her congratulations to Professor Stirling, Professor Amara and the Curriculum Committee for their work in developing this amazing project, and suggested that her course KPE403H – Gender/s, Sexualities and Sport would make a good addition to the list of Global Scholar certificate courses. Professor Amara asked all faculty members to consider suggestions for courses to be added or removed from the list before the proposal is finalized, and to let her or any other committee member know. Also discussed was the

development of the new required second year course, and the curricular structure of future Outdoor Projects. The new required second year course will be coming forward to Faculty Council for approval next term.

d. Admissions Committee

Professor Taha reported the official Fall count of incoming first year full time students is 273. Of this, 42 students are international, which is over target. The number of students coming from Ontario high schools is reduced; in light of this trend, which is reflected across the province, the committee will be looking at ways to improve our acceptances from this group.

e. Graduate Committee

Professor Atkinson reported that the MA proposal has been sent to three external reviewers, and meetings have been scheduled with them for January. With Zarine Ahmed's departure from KPE, Professor Fusco acknowledged and thanked Zarine for all her hard work with and dedication to the Graduate program.

f. Research Committee

Professor Welsh reported that the committee is in the process of adjudicating internal research grants, with decisions to be made at the December meeting. A survey will soon be sent to the professoriate, to review the services provided by the Research Services Office and to see if there are improvements that can be made.

g. Council of Athletics and Recreation

Co-Chair Grant Shantz reported that the budget committee met three times in November to create the 2022-23 Sports and Recreation budget, which will be voted upon by CAR in early January. The Council also voted to support the continuation of "Women Only" hours at our athletic facilities. This is reaffirmed by CAR on an annual basis.

h. Equity Committee

Professor Ali reported that the committee has been discussing universal design practices for both in person and virtual classroom spaces. He also welcomed Debra Kriger to the committee, who has recently joined KPE as the Assistant Manager, Co-curricular Diversity and Equity, and thanked Connor Oswald for his interim work in this role.

i. Awards Committee

Natalie Agro brought forward three new pending awards for Council approval. Dean Kerr presented the KPE Inclusive Excellence awards, one for undergraduate and one for graduate. The goal of these awards is to address access and support for Black, First Nations, Inuit and Metis students in our Faculty, a goal that is aligned with our priorities of reconciliation and equity, diversity and inclusion. Dean Kerr also made a friendly amendment to the wording of the submitted documents, to replace the term 'Indigenous' with 'Canadian First Nations, Metis and Inuit'. Discussion of the awards followed, regarding the language used, which is intended to allow as much flexibility as possible. Professor Stirling confirmed that the Inclusive Excellence awards are intentionally aligned with the Faculty's most prestigious and high value awards. Professor Taha inquired about the possibility of having separate awards available for the applicant groups of Black and Canadian First Nations, Metis and Inuit students, and Caitlin Alvares also inquired about the future possibility of creating awards for other equity deserving groups. Dean Kerr also stated that there is an intention to seek further funding in order to build out a full slate of Inclusive Excellence awards for many equity deserving groups.

Motion: For Council to approve the KPE Inclusive Excellence Graduate Scholarship, with friendly amendment. (**Motion:** Kerr/Fusco, Carried)

Motion: For Council to approve the KPE Inclusive Excellence Undergraduate Scholarship, reflecting the friendly amendment (Prof Kerr). (**Motion:** Kerr/Amara, Carried)

Motion: For Council to approve the Craig and Deborah Kennedy Family ‘Physical Activity Matters’ Scholarship. (**Motion:** Agro/Alvares, Carried)

- j. **Restricted Funds Committee** – No report, due to meet in January
- k. **Sponsorship Committee** – No report

5. EDU Reports

- a. **Centre for Sport Policy Studies** – No report

- b. **Centre for Motor Control**

Professor Chen provided an update on the ongoing speaker series. The October and November events were very well attended virtually, with two more lectures coming up in the new year.

- c. **Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre** – No report
- d. **Centre for Sport-Related Concussion Research, Innovation and Knowledge** – No report

6. Deans’ Reports

- a. **Dean**

Dean Kerr introduced Maryanne McCormick, our new Director of Finance and Planning. She comes to us with extensive experience from Central Financial Services and has experiences with both curricular and cocurricular budgets. She also recognized the date of the meeting, December 3, as the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, and reminded Faculty Council that increasing access and supports for students with disabilities in our curricular and co-curricular programmes, facilities and services, is a key pillar of the Faculty’s EDI priorities and our upcoming Academic Plan.

Dean Kerr announced that first thing in the new year we will be engaging an external consultancy group to conduct a EDI review. Clearly, there is a lot of great work being done across the faculty to advance Reconciliation and EDI and the purpose of the review is to gather information on what is currently being done, where there may be gaps, where there may be synergies and collaborations between various groups in the Faculty, and to make recommendations on strategic paths forward.

Dean Kerr also indicated that as the term winds down, the Faculty is continuing with our gradual return to campus and in-person undergraduate and graduate classes, and research activities. Dean Kerr reported that the vaccination rate amongst the U of T community – faculty, staff and students – is over 99.5%, providing strong reassurance that we are returning to a safe environment.

Since Council last met, there have been several celebratory events, including the Reception for Scholars, and the November Convocation. Congratulations to the graduands and scholars and a big thank-you to all of you who made these virtual events so successful. Congratulations are also in order to Professor Joyce Chen and Professor Linda Trinh who have had successful interim reviews.

Finally, Dean Kerr expressed her thanks to all students, faculty and staff for their contributions to ensuring our academic and cocurricular programmes run effectively and with high quality – in the midst of the challenges presented by the pandemic. The KPE community continues to show tremendous resilience, cooperation and collaboration. She wished everyone a safe, healthy, and rejuvenating holiday break.

b. Vice Dean, Academic

Professor Stirling reminded Council that the majority of classes are planning to return to in person delivery in the new year, with classes beginning on Monday January 10, 2022. More information will be coming soon about the future of teaching and learning and online pedagogies and the use of technology post COVID. She also wished all a successful exam period and a restful holiday break.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Professor Welsh encouraged people to return to campus to engage in research activities, and to reach out to him if there are any questions about the process. He thanked the Research Services office for their support in the internal research grant process.

d. Executive Director, Athletics & Physical Activity – No report

e. Chief Administrative Officer

Doriano D’Angelo provided a report on Paul Handley’s behalf about the ongoing capital projects.

1. Update on Capital Projects

- a. Clara Benson HVAC Upgrade Project – delivering air conditioning to spaces in Clara Benson that previously did not have air conditioning; it is the third and final phase of the project and this phase impacted the Sports Gym and Benson Student Lounge
 - i. Project over time and under budget
 - ii. We expect partial occupancy for December meaning that the community can start to use the space but that some work is continuing until full occupancy is achieved
- b. 25 Yard Pool Gallery Project – converting the Benson Pool gallery and corridor connecting Warren Stevens and Clara Benson into a student space
 - i. Project is over time and under budget
 - ii. We expect partial occupancy for January meaning that the community can start to use the space, under COVID protocols, but that some work is continuing until full occupancy is achieved
 - iii. Robert Street Field Project – project is now complete, and use of the field has resumed.
- c. Academic Wood Tower Project (no new update from last Faculty Council)
 - i. Construction Manager has been engaged to determine how to deliver the project on/under budget
 - ii. Expect their report in January and project feasibility will be examined at that time
 - iii. Occupant meetings continue to refine the project design
- d. Goldring Lab Redesign Project – to remodel and expand the lab spaces located on the 4th floor of Goldring
 - i. Construction is currently underway
 - ii. Project is currently on time and on budget

2. Study spaces are now classified at instructional spaces meaning some relaxed COVID protocols in these spaces (e.g.) distancing requirements

- i. As such we are investigating, with the goal of implementing, converting BN202 (the current student lounge), into a study space (along with the BN330 computer lab which is currently a quiet study space + computer lab), and using the Pool Gallery space as a physically-distanced social lounge.

7. Student Governments’ Reports

a. KPEUA

Stephanie Sarker reported that the KPEUA is currently running a general council by election, with the results expected early next week.

b. KPEGS

David Brown reported that there have been two social events held so far this term, one virtual and one in person. An in-person holiday social is also planned for next Thursday. Planning for the Bodies of Knowledge conference is underway, and the organizers have met with the Dean to discuss this event. The event is expected to be held in mid-May and be a hybrid in person and online event. He thanked the faculty for their continued financial support of the conference, and mentioned that they will also be seeking external funding support. A call has gone out to all graduate students to join the conference committee.

8. Announcement: Professor Goodman offered his congratulations to Professor Scott Thomas, who is officially beginning his retirement on January 1, 2022, and wished him all the best. Dean Kerr added that an in-person recognition event for retiring faculty and staff will be held in the new year when in-person events are permitted.

9. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:00 p.m. (**Motion:** Mainwaring/Arnold, Carried)