

FACULTY COUNCIL
Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
December 4, 2015, 12:10 p.m.
Margaret Eaton Board Room, Benson 302

Minutes

Present: Jack Goodman (Chair), Beth Ali, Cathy Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Michael Atkinson, Tyson Beach, Robin Campbell, Dave Cooper, Peter Donnelly, Kaleigh Ferdinand Pennock, Dave Frost, Caroline Fusco, Rachel Goodman, Kaylee Heyens, Stephanie Ho, Gretchen Kerr, Marius Locke, Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman, Karen McLeister, Gail Nichol, Paula Paunic, Ryan Schwenger, Ashley Stirling, Merrily Stratten, Katherine Tamminen, Luc Tremblay, Darrin Wijeyaratnam

Guests: Michelle Brownrigg, Jim Webster

Regrets: Tracia Finlay-Watson, Lynda Mainwaring, Dan Moore, Daniel Santa Mina

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The circulated agenda was approved. (**Motion:** Locke/Wijeyaratnam)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 2, 2015 meeting were circulated for review and approved. As an addendum, the Chair thanked the faculty for the lunch for both the October and December meetings. (**Motion:** Locke/Kerr).

4. Committee Reports

a. **Undergraduate Examinations:** No report

b. **Undergraduate Curriculum**

Cathy Amara reported that the committee continues to review issues such as external students wishing to enroll in KPE courses; implications of failures in first year; rationale and implications for course caps; further discussions on the topic of potential specializations in the undergraduate program. A report of these discussions will be sent to the Vice-Dean at the end of the term. There are several sub-committees within the Curriculum Committee that have been meeting as well, which include: the PRA working group, the critical inquiry working group, and the capstone working group. A review of the findings of these groups is expected to be presented to the Professoriate in January 2016. The Outdoor Projects review committee has been struck, and is expected to begin their review next term. The grading and assessment review committee has also been struck, and will report back to the Professoriate in January or February.

c. **Undergraduate Admissions**

Cathy Amara reported that many recruitment initiatives have been taking place, such as regular tours led by student ambassadors, high school visits, and most recently the Office of Student Recruitment guidance counsellor event. She thanked Sophie, Margaret and Karen for all of their hard work in planning these events. Most of the admissions work takes place next term, with the review of applicants. The committee held a pre-selection meeting this week, to discuss issues that the committee does not have time to talk about during the selection process itself, such as prerequisites and how the process can be made more efficient. As a result of this meeting, Professors Amara and Taha will review data from our current students to support the rationale for any proposed changes made to the selection process. An update on this topic will be provided at the next meeting.

d. **Graduate Committee**

Marius Locke reported that the committee has been discussing the issues of good standing, MSc financial top up for external award winners, and recruitment. The first graduate information session event was held on November 18, with over 100 people in attendance, and students seemed to find it an enjoyable and useful

evening. He thanked the faculty who attended, as well as the Registrar's Office staff for organizing the event. The applications are now available online, and the deadline is Friday January 15. Reference letters from professors are also due on this day. Additionally, a new international scholarship is now available for all graduate students.

Jack Goodman asked if the early application deadline would affect transcript submission, as fall term marks will not be available by this time. Marius replied that this would be taken into consideration when reviewing applications.

e. Research Committee

Luc Tremblay reported that the extra departmental unit strategy was not ready to be circulated pre-meeting, but will be distributed for review shortly by council. Feedback is welcomed, and is required by Friday January 8, 2016. This report will be presented at the next Faculty Council meeting. The public research symposium will be held on April 6, 2016.

f. Council of Athletics & Recreation

Beth Ali reported that the by-elections have been completed, and the budget process is ongoing. There is excellent student representation on the council this year, both from within KPE and across the campus.

Dave Cooper inquired about the success of the new sport model to date, Beth replied that there have been positive, significant movements in all three areas of the model, and we remain the largest program in North America. We continue to show competitive success provincially across the program and some improvements in national rankings as well.

g. Equity Committee

Acting Dean Kerr reported that the committee has two new co-chairs, Michelle Brownrigg and Caroline Fusco. Caroline reported that the committee is meeting next week to discuss an agenda for the rest of the year, with the focus on a few integrated initiatives, covering both research and co-curricular areas.

h. Awards Committee

Robin Campbell presented a package of amended award records for Faculty Council approval, see handouts and summary sheet provided. A new scholarship is anticipated to be announced at the next Council meeting. A motion to accept the amendments of the awards as presented was passed (**Motion:** Tremblay/Amara).

i. Restricted Funds Committee: No report

j. Sponsorship Committee: No report

5. Centre Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies: No report

b. Centre for Motor Control

Luc Tremblay reported that the Centre remitted its report for its third year review, and it is currently undergoing external review.

6. Deans' Reports

a. Dean

Acting Dean Kerr congratulated Tim Taha for his promotion from lecturer to senior lecturer. He, and others will be switching to the new title of 'Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream' under the new framework that comes into effect on January 1, 2016. The search process is underway for a new faculty member, for a full professor in the area of physical activity and health for children and youth. Applications are now closed, and

the process of reviewing applications to create a short list is underway, with plans for interviews to take place in the new year.

A review of the MacIntosh Sports Medicine Clinic is currently underway, with Michelle Brownrigg as the chair of the committee. The clinic has not been reviewed for some time, and there have been many changes in recent years. External reviewers have conducted their visit recently, and various stakeholder groups will be invited to attend focus group meeting in the coming weeks to provide input to the process. There will also be a survey available, for those who are unable to attend the scheduled focus groups.

A posting for the Director of the Health Sciences Writing Centre will soon be coming up, as the current director, Dena Taylor, is retiring at the end of this academic year. A search committee will be established soon.

The Masters of Professional Kinesiology courses and practicums continue to be developed (with a scheduled start date of August 2016). There has been considerable interest in this program, and it has been promoted at several graduate program fairs this fall. The program will integrate both curricular and co-curricular aspects of the faculty, and both Scott Thomas and Ashley Stirling have been working very hard to get it up and running.

The Faculty would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Carla Hagstrom, our former librarian representative on Faculty Council, as she is retiring this month. We welcome her colleague Gail Nichol, who will be taking her place.

The University of Toronto and this Faculty will be involved with the welcoming and settlement of Syrian refugees, with KPE assisting in the delivery of physical activities for children who are arriving. The details are still being worked out, with more details to come in the new year, but we look forward to continuing our history of strong community engagement.

b. Vice Dean, Academic

Michael Atkinson reported two major initiatives to council for information purposes. First, work continues on the Memorandum of Understanding with OISE, to create a joint program with the Masters of Teaching degree. This will allow students to apply in their third year to the MT program, and be accepted by the end of the third year. In their fourth year, accepted students would take 1.0 full credit equivalent at the graduate level, which would be counted towards both the undergraduate and the graduate program.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Luc Tremblay reported that the Canada Foundation for Innovation grant proposals have been approved, as well as the associated Ontario Research Fund proposals. A new position has been created in the office of the Vice President, Research and Innovation to match professors with awards, so please get in touch if there is someone you know who is deserving of an award.

d. Assistant Dean, Co-curricular Physical Activity and Sport

Beth Ali reported that there has been a very busy and successful season in the co-curricular area. The availability of the back campus fields has eliminated the issue of waitlists in the intramural program. Physical Activity and Equity is closing out their scheduled program, but they will continue to support students during the exam period. In intercollegiate news, we had a successful fall and won four banners (Men: Tennis, Women: Golf, Field Hockey and Water Polo). Student athletes should be applauded for their hard work, as well as the coaches and the support teams. The student groups of Intramural Support Council and the Varsity board have had a great year so far, and we look forward to the initiatives they will be

presenting in the Winter term. We are finishing up the co-curricular year in review, which is the document used to support our requests through the governance process for the budget. Participation numbers look strong for 2015 with the final tallies to be collected early in January for inclusion in the CCYR, and the breadth of programming has also increased over the past year, which are both promising signs.

In conjunction with the Coaches Association of Ontario, the Faculty will be hosting a NCCP Super Clinic May 6-8, 2016. KPE students will receive a reduced fee for participating, there are currently ten provincial sport organizations that will be taking part in the event, to be spread all across our facilities. This will be a great opportunity for students across the campus and will bring many coaches from across the GTA to our facilities.

e. Chief Administrative Officer: No report

7. Student Government Reports

a. KPEUA

Darrin Wijeyaratnam reported that the council is continuing to work on restructuring the KPEUA constitution and by-laws, with the next steps being to ask for faculty involvement. If anyone is interested in providing feedback on these documents, please get in touch. The council will also be working with Student Life in developing this document, which will include the creation of new policies in the areas of governance manuals, elections, and social media.

Student engagement events: CN Tower Stair Climb took place on November 7; College of Kinesiologists came to speak about the registration process and the exam; clothing sale: items now available for pickup; a clothing drive is underway, with over 1,000 pieces collected so far, as well as a food drive; therapy dogs were in attendance in the student lounge yesterday for exam stress relief. The Commuter and Off Campus reps have created a raffle for a stress relief package which students can purchase tickets for.

Movember is winding up, with a hockey tournament, games night, and Raptor's tickets raffle taking place over the month. The Career Café is scheduled for February 8, 2016, with a goal of having over 100 students attending this event. We also collaborated with KPEGS on a holiday toy drive.

b. KPEGS

Rachel Goodman reported that elections took place in September, and all spots on council are now filled. A social event was held in mid-October, and the council is looking to find creative ways to bring grad students together. A holiday social is planned for December 10, and together with the KPEUA, funds were raised for The Hospital for Sick Children recently. The Bodies of Knowledge Conference is scheduled for May 5, 2016. Input regarding running another faculty/grad student vs. undergrad charity game was requested, discussion followed.

8. Announcements

Dave Cooper announced that recent BKIN graduate Nouredin Chahrour was recently featured on Dragon's Den, and accepted a partnership with three Dragons. He worked with both Jack Goodman and Margaret MacNeill on research projects in his final year.

Marius Locke reported the next graduate seminar will be taking place Monday December 7 at 4:00 p.m., with Dr. Alison Novak from the Toronto Rehab Institute speaking about "Preventing Falls in Challenging Environments".

9. Adjourned: 1:10pm