

Faculty Council of the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
October 2, 2015, 12:10 p.m.
Margaret Eaton Board Room, Benson 302

Minutes

Present: Jack Goodman (Chair), Cathy Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Michael Atkinson, Robin Campbell, Anita Comella, Dave Cooper, Kaleigh Ferdinand Pennock, Niki Fimalino, Caroline Fusco, Stephanie Ho, Laurie Hong, Gretchen Kerr, Marius Locke, Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman, Kate Lonergan, Lynda Mainwaring, Karen McLeister, Roxy O'Rourke, Paula Paunic, Catherine Sabiston, Daniel Santa Mina, Ryan Schwenger, Tim Taha, Katherine Tamminen, Scott Thomas, Luc Tremblay, Darrin Wijeyaratnam

Guests: Beth Ali, Carole Orane

Regrets: Peter Donnelly, Tracia Finlay, Rachel Goodman, Gail Nichol, Merrily Stratten

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The circulated agenda was approved. (**Motion:** Locke/Thomas)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting were circulated for review and approved. (**Motion:** Locke/Wijeyaratnam)

4. Committee Reports

a. Undergraduate Examinations

Lynda Mainwaring reported that the committee met through the summer to process petitions received and to process and approve summer course grades. There were 257 students who participated in KPE courses over the summer, and there were no issues with any of the marks. An audit was also performed, with seven students clearing probation and returning to good standing, and one new student now on probation.

b. Graduate Committee

Marius Locke reported that we welcomed 22 new MSc students and 8 new PhD students to the Faculty this year. There have also been many recent graduates. Faculty seminars have begun, the next is scheduled for Monday October 5, 4-5pm, with the speaker being Kerry Bowman, PhD. on the topic of "*Ethical Considerations in Emerging Biotechnology*". There have been several recruitment events taking place lately, with Sophie Harding and Zarine Ahmed attending two graduate fairs this past week at UTM and UTSC to promote our EXS program. The deadline for 2016-17 EXS applications is January 15, 2016, which is earlier than previous year's deadlines. There will be an information workshop held on Wednesday November 18 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on the graduate school experience at the University of Toronto, the application process, award and funding opportunities. Current graduate students and faculty members will also be at this event to answer questions, and an announcement will be made in one of the required fourth year classes regarding this event. A series of speakers is scheduled over the next couple of months to assist students with placements and other aspects related to graduate student life.

c. Undergraduate Curriculum

Cathy Amara reported that a lot of work took place over the summer in planning both the Outdoor Projects and Orientation, and thanked all who were involved with this process. Both of these events were very successful this year. The Ontario University Fair was held this past weekend, with over 2,000 students coming to ask about KPE. She thanked all who volunteered at this event, as well as Sophie Harding who was the lead in organizing and planning our participation. The Curriculum Committee now has several sub groups that are looking into a number of initiatives (PRA, evaluation, capstone, etc.), along with members

of the Examination Committee, faculty and student representatives, and will be reporting back to Council soon.

d. Undergraduate Admissions: No report.

e. Research Committee

Associate Dean Tremblay reported that the committee had met the previous week, and is discussing issues such as overhead funds distribution and overall strategy. In addition, the tentative topic 'Sport, Sex and the City', embracing diversity in sport, was selected as the public symposium topic, planned for March 2016.

f. Council of Athletics & Recreation

Assistant Dean Comella announced that the first meeting of the year took place last week, during which the new co-chairs were elected for the 2015-17 term: Kate Lonergan and Ryan Schwenger. The CAR fall by-election is currently taking place, with four vacant spaces remaining from the spring election.

g. Equity Committee: No report

h. Awards Committee

Robin Campbell presented two new awards for Faculty Council approval, which was granted:

- John Addison Hockey Scholarship (**Motion:** Scott/Amara)
- John E. Akitt Men's Hockey Scholarship (**Motion:** Comella/Locke)

i. Restricted Funds Committee

Robin Campbell presented Council with the 2014-15 Advancement Report, a compilation of all the funds the Faculty maintains and is responsible for. He informed Council that our Faculty is now ranked second at the University of Toronto amongst faculties that generate funds from scholarships. We added twelve new planned giving donors this year, bringing our Faculty's total to 56 planned giving donors. There is still a shortfall of \$4 million for the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport, which remains the priority before new funding initiatives for academic programs and scholarships is initiated.

j. Sponsorship Committee: No report

5. Centre Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies

A report from Peter Donnelly was submitted via email with the following updates, and read by the Chair:
Key points include

- The Sochi Olympics Gender Audit has now been released and is available on the Centre's web site
- The Centre's report on whether the University achieved its objectives with regard to the Pan Am Games is well under way
- The Centre is currently drafting a joint grant application with the University of Edinburgh to study participation in low income communities
- Two KPE students, Eleni Vlahiotis and Kwame Sarpong, worked as research assistants on Centre projects for the entire summer, supported by University of Toronto Excellence Awards
- Research for the third biannual CIS Gender Equity Report is currently under way.

b. Centre for Motor Control

A report from Tim Welsh was submitted via email with the following updates, and read by Associate Dean Tremblay:

- In July, the Centre hosted a talk by Professor Nicola Hodges from the University of British Columbia titled: "How our action experiences moderate watching"

- As part of the review process, a draft of the 3-year review of the CMC has been written and submitted to the Associate Dean Research for consideration and evaluation. Letters and comments have been solicited from members and will be forwarded to the Associate Dean as they are received.

6. Deans' Reports

a. Acting Dean

Acting Dean Kerr welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year, especially the new members of the student councils and CAR representatives, and new faculty member Daniel Santa Mina. A busy summer included successful Pan Am and Para Pan Am Games which highlighted the University of Toronto, KPE, and our city. Camp U of T also provided many leadership opportunities to our students, as well as a wonderful experience to the youth who attended the various programs. The construction of the Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre (MPARC) took place, with an official opening expected sometime this fall. Caroline Fusco's Change Room Project provided an important illustration of integration between research, policy, practice, and student engagement, and is still ongoing.

There is a new policy with regards to the teaching stream, the previous terms of 'Lecturers' and 'Senior Lecturers' are now replaced with '*(Professorial Rank)*, Teaching Stream'. This is a wonderful testament to the importance of teaching within the university, and the educational leadership that these faculty members provide.

Over 280 new undergraduate students and 30 graduate students have been welcomed to the Faculty this September, and many more students from every division on campus have been introduced to our co-curricular programs this past month. This activity in the first few weeks of September is the result of months and months of planning; thanks were offered all who were involved in this process.

Regarding the recent safety issue of online violent threats made to women in the Women & Gender Studies department on campus – while the Toronto police department and the University's Risk Assessment Office have carried out a full investigation and deemed there to be a low physical risk, the psychological violence and its effects should not be understated. The fabric of the University depends on people feeling safe on campus to explore and study any area of knowledge they choose. It is incumbent upon everyone to contribute in whatever ways we can, to address and prevent violence against women.

New initiatives that will be coming forward to Council later this year include: a new posting for a full professor in the area of physical activity and health in children and adolescents, to be advertised internationally; a review of the workload policy, which is required every three years; a review of the Sports Medicine Clinic, which is part of the regular review process, especially since much has changed with the clinic since the last review.

The academic plan is moving forward, and related to this Michelle Brownrigg will be starting a special project to think of systems and processes by which we can pursue integrated initiatives, particularly the potential for integrating education, research and practice. Further details will follow in the coming months.

Finally, Assistant Dean Comella's last day in this role will be October 9, with a formal celebration and acknowledgement taking place on October 7. In the interim, Beth Ali will be acting as the Assistant Dean.

b. Vice Dean, Academic

Vice Dean Atkinson reported that the faculty is working with the University to get our course evaluation system online this year, which will be a labour intensive process for the next few months, with hopefully a report ready to present to Faculty Council in February or March. There is a newly struck sub-committee to take the lead on this project.

The Leader of Group Initiative continues to develop, and nominations are sought for representatives from each teaching area to act as a coordinator for academic planning.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Associate Dean Tremblay reported that grant applications are underway, and shared that there is lots of great work being put forward by our faculty members. He congratulated all who have completed applications so far, as well as those who are still in progress.

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

Assistant Dean Comella reported that there had been a tremendous effort from the co-curricular staff to organize the orientation activities for the entire University of Toronto student body, as well as orientation for our new and returning student athletes. Thanks were extended to those who participated and volunteered for the Pan Am/Para Pan Am Games. The budget process begins next week, and will be submitted to the CAR sub-committee next month.

e. Chief Administrative Officer

Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman reported that we are now in budget preparation for the next academic year. We are also currently in the first week of the pilot test for Kronos, the electronic timekeeping system. This system is being first tested with casual and appointed hourly staff, beginning in October and going paperless for the pilot group by November.

Facility updates: the MPARC lab space is complete, the Benson pool re-tiling is complete, and the work on the entrances is still ongoing, as a result of unexpected issues found underground. We have now had official possession of the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport for a full year, and all of the Pan Am facilities have been returned to us in running order. A new renovation project that is planned for this year is to update the space formerly occupied by the MacIntosh Sport Medicine Clinic in the basement of Warren Stevens to prepare for the Masters of Kinesiology program.

Upcoming events: a farewell reception for Anita, on October 7, and planned are an event to recognize all Pan Am volunteers, and an event to officially open and celebrate the new MPARC space.

7. Student Governments' Reports

a. KPEUA

Darrin Wijeyaratnam introduced the new KPEUA Executive Council members, and thanked the Faculty for their new office space, which just opened officially recently. This space will also be shared with the Athletic Association. Fall elections for year and intramural representatives have just completed, and results shared with the candidates, if no appeals filed then results will be announced soon. Two social events have already taken place, along with the leadership retreat at the Hart House Farm this past weekend. Three new sub-committees have been struck: Constitution, Off Campus and Outreach. These will be used to get more students involved with and interested in student government. The Constitution committee is in the process of reviewing the KPEUA constitution and by-laws, as well as revamping the student government and policies to lay foundations and guidance for future years.

Some student concerns were expressed:

1. Access to the new Pan Am aquatic centre at UTSC to St. George students:

Assistant Dean Comella commented on this, the senior administration is currently reviewing their costs, and seeing if it is of value for non-UTSC students to use the facilities. It is in the preliminary stages of review right now, with different options under consideration. Currently all students have universal access to athletic facilities across all three campuses.

2. Huron Street Entrance/Exit: the existing operating hours/access is limited and a request was made to increase the time by a few hours. Rosanne indicated this was currently under review, with the need to balance access to the building with security. This will likely be raised in the budget discussions for the coming year, as there is a cost to staffing this entrance, and a renovation to this entrance is also a possibility in the next year. Discussion regarding this entrance and access followed.

3. Request to consider creating year specific enrollment times for KPE courses: Karen McLeister replied that she is not sure if there is a solution for this issue at this point, but further discussions were welcome to find a solution.

Important Dates:

KPEUA Clothing Sale: October 19-November 6

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, for Light the Night Cause: October 14

Light the Night Walk: October 21, 5:00 p.m. at Nathan Phillips Square

b. KPEGS: No report

8. Other Business

Caroline Fusco has shared information regarding voting in the upcoming federal elections with her students, such as where they can vote and information on the political parties. She encouraged other faculty members to do the same, ensuring opportunities existed for them on Monday October 19 to vote.

Marius Locke cautioned faculty about potential fraudulent or compromised activity of corporate American Express cards with large bills.

Finally, Acting Dean Kerr thanked and acknowledged Assistant Dean Comella for her many and valuable contributions in this role over the past 6.5 years, and presented her with flowers on behalf of Council.

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.