

University of Toronto – Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
Faculty Council Minutes
January 21, 2022 12-1:30pm
Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Present: Jack Goodman (Chair), Adam Ali, Beth Ali, Caitlin Alvares, Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Chris Arnold, Michael Atkinson, Tom Babits, Robert Bentley, Barb Brophrey, David Brown, Timothy Burkhart, Joyce Chen, Rebekah Choi, Tracia Finlay-Watson, David Frost, Caroline Fusco, Jenna Gillen, Janelle Joseph, Veronika Katsiuk, Gretchen Kerr, Amy Kirkham, Jen Krol, Marius Locke, Margaret MacNeill, Hassaan Mahmood, Lynda Mainwaring, Jill Mallon, Sabrina Malouka, Daniel Moore, Wendy Pais, Doug Richards, Catherine Sabiston, Boba Samuels, Stephanie Sarker, Malieka Shahid, Grant Shantz, Ashley Stirling, Tim Taha, Katherine Tamminen, Tim Welsh

Guests: Dorian D'Angelo, Tania Donald, Maryanne McCormick

Regrets: Paul Handley, Linda Trinh

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by the Chair.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was accepted as presented. (**Motion:** Locke/Sabiston, Carried)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes of December 3, 2021 were accepted as presented. (**Motion:** Arnold/Atkinson, Carried)

4. Committee Reports

a. **Executive Committee** – No report

b. Examinations Committee

Professor Amara reported that the committee discussed and ruled on 25 petitions that were submitted to the petitions subcommittee since their previous meeting, in addition to three new petitions now under consideration. The committee also approved the Fall 2021 undergraduate course grades and statistics at this meeting, as no issues were found with the grades as submitted. The committee thanked all course instructors for their timely work in submitting their grades and comments. Finally, a discussion regarding the future of examination formats with regards to equity and inclusivity occurred, and whether the Grading Practices Policy will require further review and revision. This will be brought forward to the professoriate at a later date for further discussion.

c. Curriculum Committee

Professor Amara reported that at their last meeting, the committee reviewed minor changes to the document regarding the freestanding Global Leadership minor, and based upon feedback from the faculty, added two courses to the KPE Global Pathway list of courses (KPE403H and KPE406H). The minor is a tri-campus initiative, and requires 4.0 FCE to complete. There are 2.0 FCE compulsory courses that will be offered outside of our faculty (one course each taught by UTM, USTC and Faculty of Arts & Science), and 2.0 FCE electives from KPE's Global Pathway list of designated courses. Students will apply for the minor program in the Winter term of their first year of study, and begin the program in their second year. The program will take three consecutive years to complete. The application process will require a statement of interest (with guiding questions), second year standing, and a transcript. Applications will be reviewed by representatives from across all partner divisions in the University. A motion was put forward to approve this new minor.

Motion: To approve the Minor in Global Leadership for the BKin Programme with expected start date of September 2022. (**Motion:** Amara/Stirling, Carried).

The format of the current Outdoor Projects courses has also discussed at the Curriculum Committee, including if alternative delivery methods should be considered and if such content should remain as a degree requirement. Outdoor education in general was also discussed, covering topics such as aligning content and experiences based on the *Task Force for Race and Indigeneity* recommendations and environmental health and sustainability options. Discussion is continuing with student representatives, and will be brought to a future Professoriate meeting.

Finally, Professor Amara reported on the solicitation of suggestions regarding the naming of the new proposed second year required course, which will focus on Indigenous and Black histories and legacies. An email will be sent out soon that includes general proposed content for this course to solicit feedback for names.

d. Admissions Committee

Professor Taha reported that the admissions process will be beginning in early February 2022.

e. Graduate Committee

Professor Atkinson reported that the external reviewers met remotely last week to review the Master of Arts in Kinesiology degree proposal. He thanked Dean Kerr, Vice Dean Stirling, and Professors MacNeill, Joseph and Darnell for their participation in this meeting. It is expected that this degree proposal will be brought to Faculty Council for approval in March. Developing this MA in Kinesiology will formally recognize existing areas of faculty expertise and will assist in recruiting students in the social sciences and humanities. The MA program will have 2.5 FCE requirements – 0.5 FCE in methods/methodology, 1.0 FCE Category A, 1.0 FCE other courses, plus the graduate seminar course and a thesis. Questions are welcomed before this is formally brought to Faculty Council for approval. Professor Atkinson expressed thanks to former Dean Jacobs, Dean Kerr, and Vice Dean Stirling for their support in developing this program, as well as to faculty and graduate students.

f. Research Committee

Professor Welsh reported that Professor Gillen and Professor Locke were the winners of the internal faculty research grants competition. The Research Services Office has developed a grant repository, a collection of previously successfully grants to be used as a reference and resource in drafting new ones. A process is in place to access the grants on time limited basis; please reach out to the office if you are interested in this.

Professor Welsh also asked for input from Council on how the Research Committee can contribute to the strategic plan – please reach out with any ideas.

g. Council of Athletics and Recreation

Grant Shantz reported that the committee met in early January, at which time the Sports and Recreation budget for 2022-2023 was passed unanimously by the Council. Part of this budget is a proposed 2.06% increase in student ancillary fees. The approved budget will be presented to the Council on Student Services next week, and will be voted on by that Council two weeks later.

h. Equity Committee: No report

i. Awards Committee

Tania Donald, KPE senior development officer presented on behalf of Natalie Agro. She put forward the motion for Council to approve the Allan Parker Student Leader Entrance Scholarship.

Motion: For Council to approve the new Allan Parker Student Leader Entrance Scholarship. (**Motion:** Donald/Richards, Carried)

j. Restricted Funds Committee

Tania Donald reported that the committee met in January to review the Faculty's endowment and expendable funds report, as well as the term-restricted spending plans from 2021. All reports were deemed satisfactory. The committee will be reviewing the terms of reference, with potential recommendations to update the timing of meetings and appropriate review materials.

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 speaker series scheduled for the Winter term:

Friday February 11, 10-11a.m.: Dr. Matthew Heath, University of Western Ontario

Friday March 25, 10-11a.m.: Dr. Pam Bryden, Wilfrid Laurier University

Friday April 22, 10-11a.m.: Dr. Lori Ann Vallis, University of Guelph

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 welcomed Tom Babits to Faculty Council as the new President of the Alumni Association. Tom brings to his role broad and deep experience and expertise in education. He currently is the Director of Community Service, Clubs and CAS of the International Baccalaureate's Diploma Programme at Upper Canada College.

Dean Kerr announced that with the pandemic restrictions gradually lifting across the province, there is hope that we are moving toward better times. We will be beginning to resume in-person activities in the coming weeks using a gradual approach. Sports and Recreation activities will resume at 50% capacity on January 31, and OUA competitions will resume on February 9. Virtual fitness programs will continue to be available to all students, staff and faculty members. Academic courses previously identified as INPER (in-person) will gradually resume over the month of February.

In order to improve the overall experience and mental well being for students, opportunities for small in person group activities on campus are being developed to strengthen learning and a sense of community among students, staff and faculty. More details will be forthcoming.

Dean Kerr announced that the University has established an initiative to discuss the future of online learning, to review the lessons learned over the past few years and determine what should be kept or revised going forward. The goal is to maintain an intentional approach to online learning for the future. Vice-Dean Stirling will represent KPE on this committee.

Since Council last met, CCUPEKA has held their semi-annual meeting, which covered topics such as pandemic responses and post-pandemic recovery, hybrid learning, the place and role of athletics in a university context and increasing attention to indigenous reconciliation and EDI.

The University of Toronto is launching a review of its sexual violence policy (a process that occurs every three years), with a goal to strengthen and support it. Dean Kerr encouraged members of Council to engage in the upcoming consultation process.

An external consultancy group, The Potential Group, has been hired to assist the Faculty with the strategic planning process. They have begun to work with Deans group, and will be reaching out to other areas soon. They are assisting us with articulating the impact that we want to have locally and globally, and creating strategies to make this happen. This process will involve broad engagement opportunities for students, faculty and staff. In addition to this, another external group, the Kennedy Group, has been hired to assist with reviewing and strengthening the Faculty's structure with respect to EDI and reconciliation initiatives.

Finally, the KPE workload policy for faculty and librarians has been completed and approved by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty and Academic Life. Dean Kerr thanked former Dean, Ira Jacobs, and members of the workload policy review committee for their comprehensive and consultative work on this important initiative over the past 18 months.

b. Vice Dean, Academics

Professor Stirling provided an update regarding academic plans for the Winter term. As noted in the University message and the dean's KPE message, courses that have been coded as INPER may resume in-person delivery as of February 7 with the expectation that all INPER courses in KPE are delivered in-person by February 28. Courses coded as SYNC or ASYNC at the start of the Winter 2022 term will continue online for the full term. Specifics are outlined in the Dean's [January 19 update to students](#).

She thanked the Registrar's Office for all the work they do to support faculty and students, especially in January. The KINections program in particular has been a partnership that has created online and in person activities to connect students and augment their wellness beyond academics.

c. Associate Dean Research

Professor Welsh reported that there is currently a pause on research activities, with all in person research currently suspended and capacity in labs limited to 65%. Online research is continuing. The Office of the Vice President, Research and Innovation has recently launched the 'Discover Research' page, to facilitate connections between researchers and the general public. The Research Services office is available to assist faculty members who wish to launch their own pages for this.

Finally, he reported that a research services survey was conducted in December, and the results will be forthcoming at the next Faculty Council meeting. Thank you to all who participated, and please reach out directly to Professor Welsh if any further input is desired.

d. Executive Director, Athletics and Physical Activity

Beth Ali reported that based on the government announcements regarding the reopening of sport spaces on January 31, we will be opening spaces in a phased approach. The Athletic Centre will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends. Additional hours and facilities will be re-opened as soon as it is feasible. We hope to be operating at a full capacity by February 22.

OUA competitions will re-start on February 9, and the plan is to delay the dates of some of these events to the end of March when possible. There is also work being done with the University intramural program to extend the season to the end of March to allow for more student participation, provided that there is enough staff to run these programs. Beth thanked all of the staff for their work in pivoting and supporting these changes over the past few years.

e. Chief Administrative Officer

Doriano D'Angelo reported on the status of several ongoing capital projects, on behalf of Paul Handley:

Clara Benson HVAC Upgrade Project – delivering air conditioning to spaces in Clara Benson that previously didn't have air conditioning; it is the third and final phase of the project and this phase impacted the Sports Gym and Benson Student Lounge:

- Project over time and under budget
- Partial occupancy was achieved and we are anxiously awaiting close out which has been complicated by a variety of factors – including minor damage to the Sports Gym floor

25 Yard Pool Gallery Project – converting the Benson Pool gallery and corridor connecting Warren Stevens and Clara Benson into a student space:

- Project is over time and under budget
- 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

Academic Wood Tower Project (no new update from last Faculty Council) – KPE has taken a 2-floor stake in the development of this project that will attach to the north end of Goldring and the Munk School:

- Construction Manager has been engaged to determine how to deliver the project on/under budget. Expect their report soon and project feasibility will be examined at that time
- Occupant meetings continue to refine the project design

Golding Lab Redesign Project – to remodel and expand the lab spaces located on the 4th floor of Goldring:

- Construction is currently underway
- Project is currently on budget
- The project has recently projected the possibility of a slight delay but the contractor is working diligently to reduce this possibility

Space Planning Exercise – has been completed and the final report submitted. Anyone who would like to review is welcome to contact Doriano or Paul. We are grateful for the support of the Faculty and everyone's generosity of time and ideas.

We are working through all the COVID related information and restrictions and will keep the community updated on any material information.

7. Student Governments' Reports

a. KPEUA

Stephanie Sarker reported that the KPEUA has been in communication with the Faculty regarding the updates to outdoor physical education plans, as well as planning to hold in person events later this term such as PHE-4-All, KPE Cup and convocation.

b. KPEGS

David Brown reported that KPEGS held its first in person student social in December, which was very successful. A committee has been established for the Bodies of Knowledge conference, and abstract

submission will be opening in February. The conference is likely going to be held in a virtual format this year, and the Committee is looking into additional funding from outside of the Faculty.

On February 9, an annual lab crawl will be held via KINections, and student representatives from various labs within in the faculty are needed. Please contact David if you are interested in participating in this event.

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. (**Motion:** Welsh/Stirling, Carried)