

Minutes of the Faculty Council
Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
May 22, 2013, 10:10 a.m.
Margaret Eaton Board Room (Benson 302)

Present: Peter Donnelly (Chair), Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Townsend Benard, Angela Carty, Rachel Cheung, Anita Comella, Dave Cooper, Craig Cuizon, David DiFonzo, Kristine Drakich, Guy Faulkner, Tracia Finlay, Jack Goodman, Sara Iaboni, Ira Jacobs, Gretchen Kerr, Wenda Kwong, Marius Locke, Taffy Lung, Margaret MacNeill, Gerome Manson, Anthony O'Brien, Paula Paunic, Catherine Sabiston, Kwame Sarpong, Ashley Stirling, Tim Taha, Scott Thomas, Tim Welsh

Guests: Tim Linden, Rachel Keeling

Regrets: Carla Hagstrom, Merrily Stratten, Luc Tremblay

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

1) Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., and members introduced themselves.

2) Approval of Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved. (**Motion:** Thomas/Kerr)

3) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved. (**Motion:** Jacobs/Locke)

4) Committee Reports

a) Undergraduate Examinations

Jack Goodman provided a summary of the Winter term academic course marks, which were straightforward. Discussion followed, with questions about the upper year elective course marks, as well as how the larger enrollment numbers have been affecting averages in the first and second year courses. At this point, it is still too early to tell what effect the larger class sizes will have on marks, if any. Dean Jacobs requested that for future reports a column be added to the summary sheet to indicate the course title along with the course codes, which Tim Linden agreed to do.

Regarding the practicum (PRA) courses, Professor Goodman reported that some sections of the courses PRA100Y and PRA200Y received upward adjustments to the marks to bring them into line with historical records. The committee felt that there were some uneven practices in the teaching of these courses, and recommended these adjustments to account for that. The affected sections were:

PRA100Y – all sections were increased by 6%

PRA200Y – sections 104 and 108 were increased by 3%, all other sections by 9%

Associate Dean Kerr reported on behalf of the Curriculum Committee that as a result of both of these courses now reflecting the new curriculum, with fuller integration of theory and practice, marks are expected to drop. Further discussion regarding course marks and curriculum changes followed.

Professor Goodman put forward a motion that the Winter 2013 grades report for academic and activity courses be received by the Faculty Council for information, and the motion was carried.

(Motion: Goodman/Benard)

Tim Linden provided the audit report summary to the Council, divided by year of study and program degree code. Overall, 39 Year 1 students were placed on probation, and 18 upper year students were suspended as a result of a repeat probation. In the CTEP program, 13 of 30 students in Year 2 have been given a warning of removal (cumulative academic GPA is less than 2.3), and one student who has just completed Year 3 is being removed from the program due to marks consistently being below CTEP requirements.

In closing, Tim Linden reported that we are expecting 121 students to graduate this June, 25 of them with high honours, and 27 with honours.

A motion to for the Faculty Council to receive the audit report was made, and carried.

(Motion: Kerr/Jacobs)

b) Undergraduate Curriculum

Associate Dean Kerr presented three new academic course proposals and one new activity course proposal for approval by the Faculty Council. These new academic courses are meant to increase elective options in third and fourth years.

Advanced Exercise Psychology, to be taught by Professor Arbour-Nicitopoulos

Exercise Metabolism, to be taught by Professor Amara

Respiratory and Pulmonary Physiology, to be taught by Professor Wells

PRA 300H will be a 12 week course that is part lecture and part practicum, to replace PRA310 and 311H. The curriculum will be developed by Professor Taha, and implemented by Professor Taha and other practica instructors, and will focus on decision making skills about various exercise modalities for different populations. For the 2013-14 academic year, this will be solely a practicum course, not academic.

Associate Dean Kerr put forward a motion to the Faculty Council to accept the new academic and activity courses as presented, and the motion was carried. **(Motion:** Kerr/MacNeill)

c) Undergraduate Admissions

Margaret MacNeill reported an increase in applications this year, with a total of 1,618 applications to the program received to date. Our target admission is 250 students in total (208 from Ontario, and 42 students from a combination of internal U of T transfers, out of province and international students). We have to date sent out 689 offers (646 to Ontario students), which is expected to yield 250 acceptances. We have received acceptances from 201 students so far, which is normal for this time of year.

The issue of comparing incoming grades with graduating grades in the future was raised, with the response that such an initiative would be well aligned with the new academic plan. Our Faculty currently has the highest retention rate of undergraduate students among academic divisions at the University of Toronto.

d) Graduate Committee

Associate Dean Thomas reported that the admission process for incoming students is almost completed, with 10 or 11 doctoral students joining the faculty, and 22 or 23 masters students expected. The last acceptances are still being received.

e) Research Committee

Marius Locke reported that there are four summer undergraduate research opportunities available, and that the committee has also been reviewing the Dean's Research awards and planning for the Fall symposium. The committee is hoping to tie in the symposium theme with the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiologists Annual General Meeting which is taking place in Toronto this October. Dean Jacobs asked if there were possibilities of student involvement in this CSEP event. Professor Locke replied that this had not yet been considered, but the committee will look into it, along with PEHGS and the CSEP organizers to see if volunteer opportunities or discounts may be arranged for undergraduate students.

f) Council of Athletics and Recreation

Assistant Dean Comella reported that the 2-year term of the CAR co-chairs is now completed, and the elections for the coming 2013-15 term have been held. There are still a few positions that remain to be filled (KPE staff member, U of T staff member, part-time undergraduate student from any faculty), and a by-election will be held in September for these positions. She extended her thanks to the outgoing co-chairs, Cecilia Pye and Townsend Benard.

g) Equity Committee – no report

h) Awards Committee

Rachel Keeling presented on behalf of Robin Campbell the following new awards and award records to be amended:

New Awards

Bickle Prize – creation of an official award record (not a new award)

Bob Laycoe Football Award of Merit – new award (athletic). Expendable, not endowed

Amended Awards

Faculty of Physical Education & Health General Undergraduate Award

Juri Daniel In-Course Scholarships

Kirk Wipper Award

Varsity Blues Swim Award of Merit

Varsity Blues Track & Field Award of Merit

Bruce Kidd Social Science and Humanities Fellowship

Dr. Terry Kavanagh Fellowship

Associate Dean Thomas put forward a motion to approve all of the awards as presented, and the motion was carried. (**Motion:** Thomas/Amara)

Dean Jacobs commented on the hard work of the Alumni and Advancement Affairs Office over the past year. Over two million dollars have been brought in as a result of their efforts for both the co-curricular and curricular areas.

- i) **Restricted Funds Committee** – no report
- j) **Sponsorship Committee** – no report

5) **Centres' Reports**

a) **Centre for Sport Policy Studies**

Peter Donnelly reported that the Centre's recent gender audit of the London 2012 Olympics has been receiving a lot of attention lately, and that it also attracted the attention of the IOC's Women and Sports Commission.

b) **Centre for Motor Control**

Tim Welsh reported that the Centre's membership is continuing to grow, with 21 full members and 7 associate (training level) members. A research day was held recently, with two main events. The first was a graduate student research symposium with over 25 students from both the University of Toronto and across southern Ontario giving talks. This was co-hosted with the annual meeting of the Southern Ontario Motor Behavior Symposium. The second, a marquee event, was a public research symposium held in the evening, with Rosie MacLennan, Professor Heather Carnahan and Professor Luc Tremblay participating, and Ivan Semeniuk moderating, on the topic of "The Heights of Human Performance: The Symbiosis of Brain and Body". He thanked the speakers, as well as Jeremy Knight and the Communications Office staff for their support of this event, and the undergraduate and graduate students who volunteered to help run the event.

6) **Deans' Reports**

a) **Dean**

Dean Jacobs presented a draft of the academic plan, 'Creating Capacity, Cultivating Change'. This document represents over 200 initiatives that came out of the four strategic planning task forces, which have been further distilled by the academic planning steering group; and outlines the higher level strategic goals where our time, energy, and resources are going to be focused for the next few years. This will be finalized over the summer months, and the purpose of this item is to provide notice to the Council that motion for Council endorsement of the plan will be made at the first fall meeting of council in the 2013-14 academic year. Feedback on the document is welcomed, and Dean Jacobs thanked everyone who has participated in the process so far.

There are many year-end events taking place to celebrate the various achievements of the year by both our staff and students, such as the Dean's Leadership Awards, the Cressy Student Leadership Awards, and the Faculty's Award of Excellence for Staff Initiative (inaugural year). Our Faculty's Convocation will be taking place on June 7, 2013, and it is our Faculty's turn to select the Beadle for the ceremony. Robin Campbell, Executive Director of Alumni and Advancement has been nominated for this role, and will be leading the academic procession and carrying the mace into Convocation Hall.

Two recent events of note are the public symposium that Tim Welsh just mentioned, and an alumni hosted event that gathered the current and previous deans of the Faculty to talk about the evolution of the academic discipline of Physical Education at the University of Toronto.

The Goldring Centre construction project is on target, with the building expected to be complete in one year. The expenditure of funds is on schedule, and the expected move in date is Fall 2014, with the official opening taking place in the Winter of 2014.

The back campus synthetic turf project is continuing on schedule. Background information, as well as the most recent updates on the project, are available on the Faculty website.

We are creating capacity, with postings to hire many new people. These include two new academic appointments, one for an associate professor, and one tenure stream position, and a new internal human resources management position being created. The search for the first Vice Dean of Academic Affairs and the Directors of undergraduate and graduate studies is underway, and effective July 1, 2013, Scott Thomas will take over the role of Associate Dean – Research for the final year of his term.

All Ontario universities had been planning on a tuition fees increase, but the province has recently announced a cap on increases, which is about 1% less than expected. As a result of this, in about three years we will have one million dollars less than we expected to operate the faculty. We will need to revisit what we can afford to do as a result of this shortfall; we had anticipated requesting two floors in an academic tower that will be built at the north end of the Goldring Centre, but we are no longer sure if we will be able to afford this.

The Provost has authorized more funding for our Health Sciences Writing Centre (and for all of the other writing centres across the university), with Dena Taylor and Patricia Patchet-Golubev being able to devote more time to our students as a result.

Appreciation was extended to staff for their success in managing the challenge of preparing for and delivering our curricular and co-curricular programs to the largest student cohort to date.

Dean Jacobs presented a draft of the proposed slate of standing committees for the 2013-14 academic year, seeking a motion to approve this list. He also requested permission of Faculty Council: a) to give summer authority to the Executive/Striking Committee for the summer months, so that they may decide on any administrative issues that are required before September; and b) to act on behalf of Council to firm up the list over the summer months, so that committee work can begin July 1. Due to the new constitution requirements, this is the first year that a slate of committee members has been presented to Faculty Council before the summer.

Motion: That the draft slate, submitted by the Striking Committee, be endorsed by Faculty Council, and that the Dean be provided with the authority to fill in the ‘TBDs’ listed over the summer so that committee work can begin on July 1, 2013. The motion was carried. (**Motion:** Jacobs/Thomas)

Margaret MacNeill suggested having a post-doc position on the research committee going forward, and Dean Jacobs agreed that it would be appropriate once there are more than just a couple of post-doctoral students working in the Faculty.

b) Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education

Associate Dean Kerr thanked both the outgoing executive members of the PHEUA for their exemplary leadership and engagement over the past year, and welcomed the incoming committee members.

c) Associate Dean, Graduate Program & Research

Associate Dean Thomas reported that four CFI proposals from our Faculty were endorsed by the university and that the final submissions will be forwarded to Ottawa before June 14. Tim Welsh thanked Jeremy Knight for all his assistance with the preparation of all four proposals.

Dean Jacobs acknowledged that this is the last Faculty Council meeting where presentations have been made by Associate Deans Kerr and Thomas in their current roles, and thanked them for their leadership roles. Both are long standing faculty members, and formal appreciations will be presented at a later date.

d) Assistant Dean, Co-curricular Physical Activity & Sport

Assistant Dean Comella reported that it had been a busy and successful year for co-curricular programs, with some OUA and CIS championship banners won. We look forward to progressing towards a new campaign. There have been some equity issues and initiatives raised with both the professoriate and the Equity Committee, and we will continue to look at these issues across the board. We are looking forward to program and sport model reviews.

e) Chief Administrative Officer

Dean Jacobs reported on behalf of Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman, that the faculty finished the financial year as expected, with a balanced budget, and the same is expected for future years, taking into account the tuition framework change. Renovations to the Benson building ground floor are due to be completed shortly, ideally before the end of July. A new Huron Street entrance and a new home for the administrative academic offices is expected in this space. There will be some other staff movements taking place as well, with our Communications and Advancement offices relocating to a house just north of the faculty on Spadina Avenue. Once the Goldring Centre opens, some of the space issues will be alleviated, but all the space has already been allocated for the new building. While we are accommodating everything that we have planned for, we have limited flexibility for the future.

7) Student Governments' Reports

a) PHEUA

Incoming PHEUA President Anthony O'Brien reported that the association is looking forward to continuing initiatives that were started this year, such as the exam jam, and is also considering a name change. Students will vote on this issue, but due to the PHEUA By-Laws they cannot make any changes until October 3. The biggest challenge that is foreseen for the coming year is the loss of CLTE resources, especially in terms of equity information and workshops. Normally the planning for the Orientation Week Equity workshop is already underway, but this year it is still in the process of being

organized. He also expressed concern that there would be a lack of funds related to the loss of the CLTE, including the leadership conference retreat weekend.

b) PEHGS

Outgoing PEHGS president Gerome Manson thanked the Dean's Office, the administration, faculty, and undergraduate students for their help with the Bodies of Knowledge Conference, which was the biggest yet, with 93 students from across Canada presenting. This was the first year that feedback was solicited from attendees, and while it was mostly positive (especially regarding the atmosphere), better food, healthier lunch options, and greater opportunity to mingle with Faculty members were requests that are to be considered. The Council is currently reviewing the conference with a view to providing clear direction for the future.

PEHGS will be holding elections soon to fill the following positions for the coming year: Chair, Treasurer, and Conference Co-ordinator.

8) Other Business

Carolyn Laidlaw provided a summary of the proposed updates to the Faculty Council By-Laws from the Governing Council, which had also been previously reviewed at the March meeting. A motion to accept these proposed changes was put forward, and was carried. (**Motion:** Laidlaw/Goodman).

9) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.