

FACULTY COUNCIL
Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
May 23, 2018 10:00 a.m.
MPK Classroom

Minutes

Present: Marius Locke (Chair), Ruqayyah Alibhai, Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, John Cairney, Michelle Campbell, Dave Cooper, Kristine Drakich, Kaleigh Ferdinand Pennock, Tracia Finlay-Watson, Caroline Fusco, Jack Goodman, Ira Jacobs, Gretchen Kerr, Brenaven Kugamoorthy, Margaret MacNeill, Lynda Mainwaring, Sandhya Mylabathula, Catherine Sabiston, Daniel Santa Mina, Ashley Stirling, Merrily Stratten, Tim Taha, Scott Thomas, Luc Tremblay, Linda Trinh, Tim Welsh

Regrets: Erica Lenton, Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman, Paula Paunic, Boba Samuels, Katherine Tamminen

Guests: Robin Campbell, Tim Linden

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda: The circulated agenda was approved. (**Motion:** Thomas/Fusco)

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes of the March 2, 2018 meeting were approved as circulated. (**Motion:** Sabiston/Amara)
- b. There was no further business arising from the March minutes.

4. Committee Reports

a. Undergraduate Examinations

Professor Mainwaring reported on the marks from the Winter 2018 term, and provided an overview of the review and approval process, which is new in the past two years. The committee met on May 15, and reported the marks to the Deans on the same day. The marks were released to the students on May 17. The marks are reported to Faculty Council for information purposes only. There were no issues with any of the course marks this year, and it seems to be a trend that the marks are increasing across the four years. This process is very clear and efficient, the electronic submission process with e-Marks has been working very well. Professor Mainwaring thanked Tim Linden for all his support in this process, and also Natalie Biancolin, student representative.

Tim Linden provided information about the academic audit, a breakdown of grades by course and degree stream, and also academic standing of students (good standing, probation, suspension). The number of suspensions this year is about average. The CTEP students information is included, and all CTEP students are graduating this year, which is the final cohort of the program. A motion to approve the academic audit as presented was carried. (**Motion:** Cairney/Thomas)

Professor Amara added a reminder to faculty to refer to the guidelines for grade review and the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (pg. 29-31, pg. 33, Undergraduate Academic Calendar) when replying to students who are requesting re-marks, or changes to the final marks. A response to students making such requests should include a reminder to the student that it is an academic offence for faculty to award student's grades that are not based on the merit of the work submitted.

b. Undergraduate Curriculum

Professor Amara reported that the last committee meeting of the academic year was held earlier this month. Among the items for discussion:

- The current KPE290Y course, which is the only required full year course on the books, and is currently taught by two instructors. After consulting with the professors, it was decided to split this course into two half year courses for the 2018-19 academic year (KPE290H/KPE291H). Course details will be provided to Council in the fall.
- New course: KPE434H – Advanced Adapted Physical Activity, to be taught by Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos. Will cover material that was previously taught in PRAs.
- The Writing Skills Group sub-committee has continued to meet to discuss the improvement of writing skills development across the curriculum,, and the development of key skills that need to be learned/taught. A draft proposal of how to incorporate these skills into writing assignments is underway, and will be shared with the professoriate in the Fall.
- Application forms for the 2018-19 undergraduate research courses are now available online.

Professor Amara thanked everyone who participated in the recruitment event for high school students with high averages at the Faculty Club, and announced that the final recruitment event would be taking place on Friday May 25.

c. Undergraduate Admissions

Professor Taha reported that the third and final admissions meeting had been held, and we received a total of 2,048 applications this year, which is a 14% increase from last year. We have received 1,351 applications from Ontario High School students, 50% more international applications, and 25% more from outside of Ontario. We have sent out 950 offers of admission, and to date we have received 173 acceptances. This is an increase of 62% for international students, and 41% increase for non-Ontario students. There has been a decrease in acceptances from Ontario high school students, which is down 20%.

d. Graduate Committee

Professor Locke reported that the committee has been discussing issues such as the MSc to PhD transition guidelines, a plagiarism check for comprehensive exams, and PhD outcomes (overall themes). In Admissions, we will be receiving 17 new MSc students, 10 new PhD students, and 46 MPK students in the Fall.

e. Research Committee

Professor Tremblay reported that the undergraduate summer research awards are available, with a total of 8 students able to take advantage of these. The Research Café project has been deemed a valuable way to bring researchers, staff and coaches together, and it is recommended that it be continued, at least twice yearly. There is also progress on the development of an equipment database for faculty members, to facilitate the exchange and sharing of equipment.

f. Council of Athletics & Recreation – No report

g. Equity Committee

Professor Fusco reported an update from the VP Research and Innovation's Equity & Diversity Research and Innovation working group, which has finished its draft recommendations and sent them to the President and Vice President for review. The purpose of this project is to review who received internal and external awards across different areas of equity, diversity and inclusion.

h. Awards Committee

Robin Campbell reported on two award records. The first is an amended award, to change the name of the Dean's Graduate Scholarship to the Gretchen Kerr PhD Scholarship, which also now has an endowment. The motion to accept this award as amended was carried. (**Motion:** Campbell/Goodman)

The second is a new award, the Marjory Shedd Memorial Scholarship, which will provide two endowed scholarships for women's volleyball. The motion to accept this new award was carried.

(**Motion:** Campbell/Arbour-Nicitopoulos)

- 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**

Professor Welsh reported that their public symposium was held on May 4 at the University of Guelph. There were 40 talks and over 90 registrations, from various universities. He thanked all who were involved, both here and at Guelph for their support. Next year the Centre will be hosting a speaker series, hoping for 2 speakers per term.

6. Deans' Reports

a. Dean

Dean Jacobs announced the new and renewed academic administrative roles and appointments in the Faculty:

- Vice Dean Academic Affairs: Professor Ashley Stirling
- Director of Undergraduate Studies: Professor Catherine Amara, renewed appointment
- Director of Graduate Studies: Professor John Cairney
- Director of Masters of Professional Kinesiology: Professor David Frost

Further faculty announcements and updates:

- Dr. Joyce Chen, from Sunnybrook Research Institute, will be joining us in a tenure stream position on July 1. Her area of expertise is cognitive neuroscience, neuroimaging and brain stimulation of the sensorimotor system.
- The search for an Exercise Physiology tenure position has been completed, and should be announced within the next week or two.
- Professor Tyson Beach will be continuing with the Faculty on a contractually limited term appointment for three years.
- Dr. Greg Wells has resigned, and will be focusing on his research at Sick Kids and his public communications and knowledge translation career.
- Tracia Finlay will be remaining with the Faculty as a part-time lecturer, and is no longer on secondment from TDSB.

Sabbatical announcements:

- Professor Peter Donnelly is returning from sabbatical on July 1, 2018
- Professors Scott Thomas and Catherine Sabiston will be on sabbatical for the 2018-19 academic term
- Professor Marius Locke will be on sabbatical for the Fall 2018 term (July 1-December 31)
- Professor Lynda Mainwaring will be on sabbatical for the Winter 2019 term (January 1-June 30)

The negotiations between U of T and the U of T Faculty Association have been concluded and ratified, and the announcement of the agreement is expected shortly. The PTR process will continue as usual.

The professoriate and senior management group held a retreat recently, with sessions on the extension of the academic plan, sensitization to social / cultural trends likely to affect our future students and their expectations, as well as related engagement strategies to improve teaching and learning with those future students. During the retreat participants also received a progress report from the task force on Race & Indigeneity. The final report will be brought to Faculty Council in the fall.

Costs associated with inter-divisional teaching will be accruing to the Faculty starting in the current fiscal year, which will be a significant new budgetary challenge. For example, currently the Faculty of Arts & Science does not receive any tuition reimbursements for KPE students who are enrolled in their courses. Current expectations are that the University Fund will cover 70% of this cost for the first few years, which amounts to about \$1 million dollars annually.

The Faculty has declared its interest in acquiring two floors in a new 14-storey academic tower that will be built on the north end of the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sports. The capital cost is currently estimated to be in the range of \$7M per floor. We will also need to vacate our current space at 713 Spadina Avenue in the near future, and will likely need to incur the costs associated with renting replacement space.

Dean Jacobs thanked all Faculty Council members for their engagement over the past year. As there is currently a motion before Council that affects the number of members on Standing Committees, so the proposed slate of Standing Committees for the 2018-19 academic year will be delayed until the results of that motion are decided. Dean Jacobs put forward a motion for the Faculty Council to grant the Executive Committee summer authority to propose interim memberships for the Standing Committees, so that work can be continued over the summer as needed. The motion was carried.

(**Motion:** Jacobs/Amara)

b. Vice-Dean, Academic

Vice Dean Kerr reported that tonight there is a Mentor Appreciation dinner taking place, as a thank you for all mentors who are involved in our undergraduate and MPK placement programs. There will be a student focus group held on May 31 to discuss the PhD outcomes.

There has been a lot of movement in the Registrar's Office over the past year, and Vice Dean Kerr invited all members of the Registrar's Office to attend the first Faculty Council meeting of 2018-19 to introduce themselves and their portfolios, so that faculty members know how to direct their questions.

This is the final year of the CTEP cohort, and a reunion event for all CTEP students will be held on June 27, 2018.

The external reviewers from CCUPEKA were on site on May 2 & 3 as part of the renewal of our accreditations in physical education and kinesiology, and their report is expected in the next couple of weeks. The reviewers were very impressed with our faculty and students.

Our Faculty's convocation ceremony is taking place on Wednesday June 13 at 10:00 a.m., for our undergraduate and graduate students. This is the first graduating class from the MPK program.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Professor Tremblay reported that Stephanie Tran has come to the faculty to assist our research officer in preparing our annual research reports. He also reminded faculty members with tri-council funding that they are required to comply with the policy that all publications made from tri-council funds be made open access one year after the original publication date. Kristina, Stephanie and Professor Tremblay can provide assistance with this upon request.

d. Executive Director, Co-curricular Athletics & Physical Activity Programs

Dean Jacobs reported on behalf of Beth Ali that the track at Varsity Centre has been lifted and is in process of being replaced. This process should be finished by the end of July, as U of T is hosting a prominent international track & field event in August

e. Chief Administrative Officer – No report

7. Student Governments' Reports

a. KPEUA

Brenaven Kugamoorthy, Academic Commissioner, provided an update. The first office meeting will be in two weeks, and the planning of Orientation Week is underway. We are hosting the Kin Games from March 17-19, 2019, with Justin Massa and Brenaven acting as coordinators. The captain selection process is underway, and the planning committees have been finalized. Around 700 students from across Canada are expected to attend.

b. KPEGs

Sandhya Mylabathula reported that the faculty vs undergrad hockey game went well, with a historic win for the faculty/grad student team. The Graduate Alumni dinner was a success, and she thanked the Faculty for their support. The Bodies of Knowledge Conference took place on May 3-4, 2018, thank you to the coordinators for their hard work.

8. Proposal to Amend Faculty Council By-Laws

Dean Jacobs brought forward this proposal to Council on the recommendation of the Executive Council, as it involves a change to the Faculty by-laws. Professor Tremblay reported that he had initially brought this proposal forward for information at both the March Faculty Council meeting and the most recent professoriate meeting. The primary goal of this proposal is to ensure that our practices and by-laws are aligned and consistent, and also to optimize our time and overall commitments when it comes to committee work. Vice Dean Kerr mentioned that this is an important exercise to bring consistency across our committees, and to ensure that our practice is consistent with our by-laws. We have drifted over time from the by-laws.

Discussion followed, debating the pros and cons of the proposal. The following friendly amendments were proposed, and accepted:

- Change wording for each committee's composition to read 'At least of 1 faculty member/2 faculty members' etc. to allow for flexibility and the dean's discretion of membership, without having to go through a new review process. (Proposed by Professor Goodman, accepted by Professor Tremblay)
- To allow members of Extra Departmental Units (EDUs)/Centre directors to be Committee members. (Proposed by Dean Jacobs and Professor Goodman, accepted by Professor Tremblay)

A motion was made to refer the proposal back to the Executive Committee for further review, which can then redistribute the motion to the professoriate for further discussion. The referral motion was carried.
(Motion: Kerr/Fusco)

9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.