

FACULTY COUNCIL
Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
September 22, 2014, 4:10 p.m.
Margaret Eaton Board Room, Benson 302

Minutes

Present: Jack Goodman (Chair), Tyson Beach, Robin Campbell, Anita Comella, Dave Cooper, Craig Cuizon, Simon Darnell, Kristine Drakich, Mark Duncan, Guy Faulkner, Caroline Fusco, Ira Jacobs, Gretchen Kerr, Marius Locke, Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman, Margaret MacNeill, Lynda Mainwaring, Karen McLeister, Paula Paunic, Catherine Sabiston, Kwame Sarpong, Katherine Tamminen, Scott Thomas, Tim Welsh, Leah West Sherriff, Gillian White, Darrin Wijeyaratnam

Guests: Devanshi Shah

Regrets: Kimberley Chau, Peter Donnelly, Carla Hagstrom, Merrily Stratten, Luc Tremblay

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

1. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved. (**Motion:** Locke/Fusco)

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting were circulated for review. Friendly amendments from Lynda Mainwaring were accepted regarding the Concussion Lab exhibit mentioned in the Research Committee report, and the minutes were accepted. (**Motion:** Thomas/Locke)

4. Proposal of New Degree Program: Masters of Professional Kinesiology

Scott Thomas provided a brief overview of the proposed Masters of Professional Kinesiology program: a sixteen month modular program, the goal of which is to develop excellent practitioners of kinesiology who have expertise in knowledge synthesis, translation and application, and leadership skills to advance the profession of kinesiology. We are looking to bring individuals into the program who are interested in going out and providing service to people in the realm of kinesiology. This covers a wide spectrum of possibilities, on both individual and community levels. There will be a mixture of approaches used: classroom/breakout groups, labs and tutorials, and a substantial practical placement aspect. The development of this program was prompted by several things, chiefly a desire to provide career pathways for undergraduate kinesiology students, and the creation of kinesiology as a regulated health profession in Ontario.

***Motion:** I move that Faculty Council approves the proposal to establish a Master of Professional Kinesiology degree within the Graduate Department of Exercise Sciences, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education; with this approval, Council endorses the submission of the proposal to the appropriate levels of governance, with authorization given to the Dean, Vice Dean and proposed MPK director (Professor Scott Thomas) for minor revisions as required. Discussion and questions regarding the motion ensued.*

Dean Jacobs commented that the review from the external appraisers of the program had just been received the previous day, which strongly supported the proposal, and also identified some areas for further reflection. In particular, the reviewers were very enthusiastic about the rationale, academic need for the program, the uniqueness of the program, program structure and academic content. They identified the following areas for further consideration and elaboration: quality control of placement opportunities (how to verify quality of

placement experience), ramping up of enrolment (slower than proposed), and issues around faculty workload. The position for a new faculty member to support the program has already been recommended in the proposal.

Tim Welsh expressed concern about the business plan associated with the proposed new degree program, and he characterized the proposal as a shift away from the research priority that the Faculty has been trying to cultivate. Questions regarding teaching loads were also raised. In the related discussion the dean and vice-dean responded that possible options being considered around teaching workload are to offer some graduate courses in alternating years, for some professors to opt to take on an overload, or to adjust the faculty staffing model to accommodate the program. Scott responded that a survey of students had indicated strong support for this program, and professional institutions in this area have indicated a need for this program to train kinesiologists for better participation in health care teams. In contrast with the concern raised by Prof Welsh, Prof Thomas stated that the program is also seen as a plus for the research goals of the faculty, as it supports bringing another tenure stream faculty member onboard who will be a researcher, and also our graduates will be going out into the community and using kinesiology to assist people and as a form of community outreach. Scott confirmed that there are plans to link this program to the College of Kinesiologists of Ontario, and that we have built a relationship with the College over the past year in developing this program, and they have provided a letter of support for this proposal. They have embraced the idea of students in this program working in the College of Kinesiology to assist in their quality control development and development of leadership within the profession.

Chair Jack Goodman asked that the Faculty Council be kept informed as on the progress the program moves through the governance process, and reminded Council that even if the program is approved, it is still up to the Faculty Council if we wish to implement it. The motion was passed, with one opposed and two abstentions. (**Motion:** Thomas/Locke)

5. Committee Reports

a. Undergraduate Examinations

Lynda Mainwaring provided a follow up report on the marks for KPE341Y – Education Internship, marks were approved as submitted. Additionally, the summer term courses KPE304H and KPE328H were reviewed by last year's committee for continuity, and approved as submitted. Tim Linden and Lynda continued to meet over the summer to review petitions, and currently there are weekly subcommittee and monthly full committee meetings held. She acknowledged and thanked all of the student representatives on the committee for their participation. The grade review process which was drafted by Cathy Amara and the Examination Committee has been sent to the Professoriate for review, and will be discussed at the next Professoriate meeting. It is hoped that this new process can be implemented this term. Registrar Karen McLeister reported that a successful pilot project with electronic marks had been done this past year with positive feedback, and we are planning to go ahead with this route starting in December.

b. Undergraduate Curriculum – to be included in Vice Dean, Academic report

c. Undergraduate Admissions

Margaret MacNeill reported that the Faculty received an all-time high number of applications this year, 1,712 total. We sent out 831 admission offers, and 254 students accepted (target was for 255 students by November 1). We are concerned that only 240 students have registered to date though, so we are trying to figure out why. In addition to the 240, 29 non-degree students have registered this year. These non-degree numbers include the Brazilian exchange students, as well as other international students. She thanked everyone who attended the Ontario University Fair this past weekend, particularly the student ambassadors for making the program come alive. Fall Campus Day is happening on Saturday October 18.

d. Graduate Committee

Marius Locke reported that 33 new graduate students started at the Faculty in September, 11 PhD and 22 Masters. Of these 33, there is one international student and one part time student. There are now 105 graduate students currently enrolled, and five students graduated over the summer.

e. Research Committee – to be included in Associate Dean, Research report

f. Council of Athletics & Recreation

Leah West Sherriff, CAR Co-Chair, reported that the first meeting would be held on Wednesday September 24, and that by-elections would be held soon to fill student positions (non-KPE), and nominations close October 15. The intention of the by-election is also to fill some of the joint committee spots which are currently vacant.

g. Equity Committee – no report

h. Awards Committee – Robin

Robin Campbell presented two awards to Council for approval. The first was an amendment to the DB Merit Award (Faculty name change, and specifying that two students will receive the award). The second was a new award, the Varsity Blues Women's Hockey Award of Merit. Both of these awards as presented were accepted by Faculty Council. (**Motion:** Campbell/Comella)

i. Restricted Funds Committee – no report

j. Sponsorship Committee – no report

6. Centre Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies

Dean Jacobs reported on behalf of Peter Donnelly that a request had been received from a visiting professor from the University of Sao Paulo specifically to work with the Centre for Sport Policy Studies in April 2015.

b. Centre for Motor Control

Tim Welsh reported that the Centre continues to build, with the first accepted publication occurring out of connections built through the centre, as well as several grant submissions occurring recently. As the Centre is still virtual, its name does not appear on grant applications, but the network of researchers has been brought together through Centre activities. The Centre is starting to generate new knowledge and is continuing to build.

7. Dean's Reports

a. Dean

Dean Jacobs welcomed Professor Darnell to his first Faculty Council meeting. He reported that the implementation phase of the academic plan commenced, with the Deans Group acting as a steering group (as reported at last Council meeting). The steering group has spent a day off-site to go through and prioritize issues that have been raised, which is being formulated in a one page chart that should be available before the end of the month. Every six months a more detailed progress report will become available.

A new search for faculty members is underway, a draft for a position related to the academic research and teaching responsibilities in MPK program has been written. For the second position, it has been difficult to determine a consensus on what type of position in should be, so it is a slower process.

All universities and colleges in the province of Ontario have signed a strategic mandate agreement with the Government of Ontario, which identifies agreed-upon institutional priorities, points of differentiation from other institutions, and institutional strengths. Certain teaching areas of the university were listed as strengths, and our KPE programs were included.

The President of U of T has identified his three key strategic priorities for the University in a recent discussion paper: reimagining undergraduate education, leveraging our geographic location, and strategic focusing with regards to our international relations and programs.

In general, applications at the undergraduate level to the University of Toronto were relatively stable, in contrast to the trend across the province, which saw applications to OUAC go down overall. The projected application numbers are expected to slowly decrease over the coming years.

Regarding Faculty Council standing committee memberships, despite still needing a few undergraduate student names to be added, Dean Jacobs asked for endorsement of the 2014-15 slate of committees, which was passed. (**Motion:** Jacobs/Scott)

b. Vice Dean, Academic

Gretchen Kerr reported that the year is off to a good start, with both the Orientation and Outdoor Project events being successful. She provided a preview of items coming to Council later this year for approval: curriculum revision (result of removing BPHE degree); opportunities for undergraduate students to specialize in addition to the BKin degree; PRA curriculum revisions, moving towards being counted as academic credit; vertical strand of courses to create a research curriculum; a memorandum of understanding with OISE for combined teacher education to replace CTEP. In addition, there is now an embedded counsellor program in the Registrar's office, with representatives from Academic Success Centre, Career Centre and Accessibility Services being available to meet with students within the Registrar's Office. Faculty are also encouraged to speak with these counsellors if resources are needed. Also on Karen McLeister's initiative, private one on one counselling is now available for undergraduate students by appointment two days a week.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Guy Faulkner reported the recent grant successes of Professors Tamminen, Arbour-Nicitopoulos and Kerr. We are also gearing up for further grant opportunities, with a broad mission to increase the tri-council share. The Research Committee's role is vital in identifying strategies to help our faculty with their research, whether it be applying for grants or actually conducting their research. We are currently reviewing our internal pilot grant scheme, looking at ways this program could be modified for our faculty.

In conjunction with the Communications department, we are working on developing a research communication report to highlight the research that we are doing as a faculty. This report can be used as a tool for self-promotion, and also to attract potential graduate students.

In terms of a broader mandate, we are looking for opportunities to link the co-curricular programs and research, as well as links to the sport medicine clinic. We have been meeting with Beth Ali and Doug Richards to develop a protocol for monitoring research that is going on within the Faculty in which the co-curricular programs are engaged.

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

Anita Comella reported that the co-curricular programs are off to a good start this year, and are working to create awareness among students about what we offer. All 44 of our intercollegiate teams are underway, with team updates to be posted on the Varsity Blues website. The 999th football game is happening this weekend, which will be celebrated. Other upcoming national events that we will be hosting are the CIS Field Hockey Championships, October 30-November 2 and the Women's Volleyball CIS Championships in February 2015. There are lots of student engagement activities regarding the PanAm/ParaPan Games taking place, this coming weekend at UTSC is the Hurdle for Success Conference. The theme is issues related to race and sport. Finally, we have been participating in a steering committee for a mayoral debate on issues related to sports and physical activity, to be held on September 30. All candidates are currently expected to attend.

e. Chief Administrative Officer

Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman reported on the status of the back campus fields, and thanked Anita, Beth and Andy for all of their work to bring the project along. Most of the feedback received on this project so far has been positive. The Goldring Centre is very close to completion, and we should be receiving occupancy any day now, but there is still a lot of work going on. The contractors have until September 30 to finish their work, but there is still lots of set up and finishing touches yet to be completed. The major systems all in place, the scoreboard and supporting infrastructure is in place, the seats are being installed, and security and IT systems are underway. The staffing model is still in progress, as it is not yet known how the building will operate. To start, some casual and appointed staff will work together to see what is needed. There will be a full service counter in operation at this location as well. We are working on organizing KPE staff tours on October 2 before opening to the rest of campus on October 7. Staff will begin to be moved in once contractors are finished, but the deadlines are not yet fixed. The secondary effects of how to use the vacated space in the Warren Stevens and Benson buildings will be reviewed once the Goldring project is completed.

8. Student Government Reports

a. KPEUA

Kwame Sarpong reported that the KPE Orientation led by Tina Nicolopoulos and Mercedes Lupo was a huge success, with lots of student engagement at these events. The elections for class and intramural representatives are in progress, with by-elections to fill four vacant positions to be held next. The annual KPEUA Hart House retreat was held last weekend, with lots of leadership workshops held. Upcoming events include Light the Night Charity raising awareness for blood cancers, and the CN Tower Stair Climb in mid-October. There has been a change in the KPEUA Executive, as Julia Malowany had to step down from her role as VP Communications. The new VP Communications is Devanshi Shah. Finally, it was reported that Kwame (VP Academics) is in the process of preparing a presentation for the College of Kinesiologists of Ontario, and will be meeting with them at the end of October.

b. KPEGS

Gillian White reported that the elections held in early September filled the remaining positions in KPEGS. The first meeting was held last week, and fundraising ideas and directions for the coming year were discussed. The Bodies of Knowledge Conference co-ordinators are Jessica Caterini and Rob Lakin.

9. Announcements

Guy Faulkner announced that the dates for the Pan American Sport & Exercise Research Summit have been announced, the conference will be held from April 16-18 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Toronto. We are a partner in delivering this conference.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. (**Motion:** Thomas/Wijeyaratnam)