

FACULTY COUNCIL
Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
October 7, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.
Margaret Eaton Board Room, Benson 302

Minutes

Present: Marius Locke (chair), Ira Jacobs, Josie Lalonde, Peter Donnelly, John Cairney, Boba Samuels, Katherine Tamminen, Tim Welsh, Ryan Schwenger, Greg Wells, Paula Paunic, Robin Campbell, Caroline Fusco, Tyson Beach, Catherine Amara, Kaleigh Ferdinand Pennock, Lynda Mainwaring, Natalie Biancolin, Ryan Schwenger, Kate Lonergan, Beth Ali, Angela Fong, Margaret MacNeill, Daniel Moore

Regrets: Gail Nichol, Merrily Stratten, Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman, Luc Tremblay

Secretariat: Kerstin Giannini

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The circulated agenda was approved, with one amendment. Item 5 b was presented by T. Welsh, not L. Tremblay. (**Motion:** I. Jacobs/T. Welsh)

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting were circulated for review and approved. (**Motion:** G. Wells/P. Donnelly)

4. Committee Reports

a. Undergraduate Examinations

Lynda Mainwaring reported that the committee was struck in July, a subcommittee of which met continually through the summer for their work with petitions. Lynda Mainwaring thanked Catherine Amara for chairing the first full committee meeting in the new academic year.

b. Undergraduate Curriculum

Catherine Amara discussed the key tasks the committee is working on. At the professoriate there was a proposal for changes to the capstone course. The course category requirements are also being revisited by the curriculum committee. The learning competencies are being explored to see how they align with degree learning outcomes.

c. Undergraduate Admissions

Catherine Amara reported that there are 261 newly admitted undergraduate students currently registered. Of these, 60% are female and 40 are male. 77% were Ontario applicants, and 23% were out of province applicants. The applicants included 17 international students, mixed between the Ontario and out of province applicant groups. The new students were supported through the award of 23

entrance admissions scholarships, and 11 Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education scholarships.

d. Graduate Committee

Marius Locke reported that we welcomed 12 new PhD and 21 new MSc students to the Faculty this year. Of these, two are international students. The Faculty also welcomed 32 new Master of Professional Kinesiology (MPK) students.

The year-by-year breakdown of graduate student enrolments is as follows:

- Year 1: 33 students
- Year 2: 29 students
- Year 3: 17 students
- Year 4: 13 students
- Year 5-7: 12 students
- Total: 104 students

At the upcoming November convocation, 4 PhD and 12 MSc students will be graduating.

Margaret MacNeill noted that some students are working out of Graduate House without desks or keys. Professor Locke advised that the students should report to him or their individual supervisor to resolve the issue.

e. Research Committee

Tim Welsh reported on behalf of Associate Dean Tremblay. The Research Committee currently is discussing the topic for the public symposium and expects to reach a decision shortly. Professor Welsh reminded faculty members to submit a research description for advertising to donors if they have not yet done so. He noted that there may be a request for a paragraph length version for the website biographies.

f. Council of Athletics & Recreation

Beth Ali reported that the first meeting of the year took place on September 21 and introduced the co-chairs: Kate Lonergan and Ryan Schwanger. The proposed CAR priorities included information sharing and engaging students across all three campuses. CAR will be hosting a speaker series, and Council will be updated at future meetings.

Another key action will be improving budget development transparency, which includes the development of a glossary of terms, and providing a presentation from budget managers on each area of the co-curricular budget. There also will be learning objectives created for CAR members to facilitate leadership skills development and to broaden the overall understanding of the university's operations and governance. The CAR fall by-election is currently taking place, with five vacant spaces remaining from the spring election. The next CAR meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2016.

g. Equity Committee

Caroline Fusco reported that the Equity Committee has not yet met, however a subcommittee (Gretchen Kerr, Jen Leake, and Caroline Fusco) has drafted terms of reference for a Task Force on Race and Indigeneity and will soon be seeking members for the Task Force.

h. Awards Committee

Robin Campbell reported that the minimum amount of each Faculty award has been increased to \$500. In response to a question, it was clarified that the new KPE website provides an opportunity to make it easier for individuals to see a full list of available awards. Robin Campbell also presented a new award in honor of Nick Thierry, and an amendment to the Maynard Captains Award, for Faculty Council approval, which was granted. (**Motion:** R. Campbell/P. Donnelly)

i. Restricted Funds Committee

No report

j. Sponsorship Committee

No report

5. Centre Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies

Acting Vice Dean Donnelly outlined the objective of the Centre, which is to provide data to support policy development in sport. He gave the example of CIS reports, which addressed the decline of female representation as head coaches. The International Olympic Committee has a policy reform proposal (Agenda 2020) that aims to have equal male and female participation at the Olympic Games by 2020; this proposal may have been assisted by Centre research on the London Olympics. At the Commonwealth Games Federation it was announced that the 2018 Games will mark the first time that there will be an equal number of events for males and females at a major multi-sport Games. This decision was assisted by the Centre's gender audits of the Commonwealth Games.

Acting Vice Dean Donnelly demonstrated GTActivity, a new multiculturalism project that aims to provide an inventory of all forms of physical activity in which people participate in the GTA. The Centre is also interested in the life cycle of physical activities, and the way in which these activities play a role in social inclusion for newcomers to Canada.

b. Centre for Motor Control

Tim Welsh discussed several ongoing activities. One of these activities is the development of an application for a training grant for a common research and training program in motor control and biomechanics. Another activity is the promotion and potential hosting of talks, including a symposium. Last year's symposium was held at Wilfrid Laurier. This year, it will take place on the

University of Toronto's St. George campus. It is hoped that alternating the location will help to build relationships across Ontario.

A relatively new development is the potential for a partnership with the Artist Health Alliance, which is a group of individuals that have established a clinic at the Toronto Western Hospital dealing with rehabilitation and health issues related to arts broadly speaking including performing arts, dancers, musicians helping them work through physical and mental health issues. T. Welsh and K. Tamminen will deliver lectures to this group in October and November, respectively.

6. Deans' Reports

a. Dean

Dean Jacobs welcomed new faculty members John Cairney, Boba Samuels, new Registrar Josie Lalonde, and Kerstin Giannini as a new registrarial staff member to the Faculty. He welcomed Ryan Schwenger and Kate Lonergan in their roles and thanked Acting Vice Dean Donnelly for filling this role during Vice Dean Kerr's administrative leave. He also thanked Vice Dean Kerr for her contributions last year as Acting Dean, as well as Michael Atkinson for serving as Acting Vice Dean. Dean Jacobs noted that Jack Goodman is currently on sabbatical and welcomed back Tim Welsh and Margaret MacNeill from their leaves. Dean Jacobs thanked the Ontario University Fair participants who came out to represent the Faculty.

There will be a posting released for a tenure stream position in the field of physical activity and health and another posting for an assistant professor teaching stream position in human movement. Adding from the updates provided by Catherine Amara, Dean Jacobs informed Faculty Council that there were about 1700 applications for the 250 undergraduate slots.

Dean Jacobs informed Faculty Council of plans for significant renovations and major repairs that are ongoing. An unexpected event necessitated the draining and refilling of the 50m pool, which incurred significant costs to the Faculty and an expected pool closure time of up to two weeks. BN302 was recently renovated, in addition to the MPK classroom and student lounge. Professor Cairney's lab renovations will begin shortly. Plans are being considered to renovate the Benson Building Huron Street entrance and to complete the installation of air conditioning throughout the building.

Dean Jacobs acknowledged KPEUA and Sarah Holman for the lab crawl that they organized, which was very well received. He also thanked the Advancement group for organizing this week's R. Tate McKenzie Society event.

Dean Jacobs announced that the curricular priorities for 2016-17 remain those in the Academic Plan. Related initiatives include advocating for a new Canada Research Chair and the continuing promotion of FKPE throughout the broader U of T community. We will soon need to make a final decision about committing

the resources for at least one floor in the new academic tower to be constructed on the north end of the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sports. We also continue to support the growth of research centres and the MPK program, to explore other possible professional masters or certificate programs, and to enhance experiential learning. Another priority for this year is the establishment of a working group to review the faculty guidelines for assessing teaching effectiveness in promotion and tenure decisions, in accordance with the Terms of Reference presented to Faculty Council at this meeting. (**Motion:** I. Jacobs/T. Welsh). The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Acting Vice-Dean, Academic

Acting Vice Dean Donnelly reported on three new initiatives: 1) the MPK program had a strong start this Fall; 2) There is a new international student recruitment initiative, which is being facilitated by the hiring of a new recruiter who will be working out of the central university registrarial offices. The international recruiter will be shared with the Faculty of Music, and will be focusing on recruitment of U.S. applicants; 3) Tim Welsh is leading a working group that is focusing on PhD student recruitment.

The Dean has assigned Acting Vice Dean Donnelly the role of committee chair for three interim faculty member reviews this year.

Vice Dean Donnelly welcomed Professors Cairney and Samuels as new faculty members, and Josie Lalonde as our new Registrar, and asked Josie to speak on new initiatives.

Josie Lalonde reported on four initiatives:

- 1) The Faculty has introduced a new embedded Wellness Counsellor, Miriam Reese, who has expertise in mental health and concussions and other acquired brain injuries. The counsellor is available for brief counselling services for both undergraduate and graduate students registered in the Faculty.
- 2) Meiyen Lee, the new international recruitment staff member has started and is split between the Faculty of Music and FKPE. Her background is in biology and music and she brings several years of admissions and recruitment experience.
- 3) The Faculty is considering piloting a new exam invigilator tool, which has been developed by the University and is intended to improve student identity authentication and attendance.
- 4) Finally, the Faculty will be connecting with the Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation to clarify implementation of online course evaluations. Dean Jacobs mentioned that the piloting of online course evaluations should be brought forward for discussion by Faculty Council, specifically to clarify if implementation should apply to all faculty members at all stages of their careers. Catherine Amara noted that the issue of moving forward to online evaluations had been discussed in earlier committee work, and there was a discussion about keeping the paper option available for some faculty.

Professor Mainwaring noted findings that online course evaluations actually raised participation rates. Catherine Amara clarified CTSI has been assisting the Faculty in identifying key factors to course evaluations. In response to a question, Catherine Amara clarified that the University does not analyze TA data, however the group considered the possibility that the Faculty could provide feedback for TA's. Ryan Schwenger asked whether there had been student input. Suggestions for increasing participation rates included asking professors to encourage students to complete evaluations and to leave class time for participation.

Catherine Sabiston announced that there is a central university Health and Wellness program that will come to speak to faculty about mental health challenges and proposed that the faculty participate in this program sometime over the academic year. Josie Lalonde will explore this further.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Tim Welsh reported on behalf of Associate Dean Tremblay, noting that grant applications are being reviewed. The process allows for immediate feedback so that edits can be made and application submitted to the agency in a timely fashion.

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

Acting Assistant Dean Ali reported that staff-supported university orientation activities this year included clubs day, parade muster, UTSU events and college and faculty events. The Varsity Blues assisted with move in day at St. Michael's College Residence. There also is a two-year pilot project aimed at heightening awareness of sport and recreation programming, which is operated through FKPE, but is open to all students. There are several staff changes, including the retirement of IM Manager John Robb, and the appointment of Nick Snow as the Acting Manager of IM. Amanda Darcy, Acting Manager of Child and Youth, is currently on leave. UTSC and UTM are collaborating with KPE on a tri-campus initiative to ignite the concept of physical activity as a learning strategy and to link research and practice in an attempt to effect real change. The tri-campus agreement has been amended to reflect updates on facilities across the three campuses. There is ongoing work with Student Life and Hart House on Healthy Campus Month to provide a multitude of program and services to support students, staff, and faculty in physical and mental health.

e. Chief Administrative Officer

No report.

7. Student Governments' Reports

a. KPEUA

Ryan Schwenger thanked all who assisted with the "lab crawl" and noted that the Wellness Counsellor is a welcome addition to undergraduate life. By-elections are ongoing. Although almost all of the positions have been filled. The KPEUA is

working to increase involvement in other committees and is advocating for the introduction of the credit/no credit option and the development of an exam repository system. The KPEUA requested clarification of mandates and scope of Faculty committees. Dean Jacobs noted that these are available in the Constitution of the Faculty Council. The KPEUA has concerns regarding the IPE requirements and it was noted that Ashley Stirling is the Faculty contact for such questions. The students also would like information on the ODP budget in terms of the reconciliation of fees and compensation of student leaders. Dean Jacobs responded that he would discuss with Ryan Schwenger.

b. KPEGS

Angela Fong reported that the general election is complete and that KPEGS is intending to amend the Constitution to reflect various changes. KPEGS also will be integrating the MPK group and will develop the social calendar for the year.

8. Other Business

No other business.

9. Announcements

Tim Welsh announced that Catherine Sabiston will be giving a talk to Artists Alliance. He invited any interested faculty members to participate.

Lynda Mainwaring announced that LEAP will run a conference on November 11-12 to help former dancers and athletes transition to other work.

Robin Campbell announced two events: 1) the Scholars Reception will be held on November 23 at Hart House; 2) an event to close the Goldring Centre campaign will be held December 1st. Robin Campbell thanked Catherine Sabiston for attending the 'Women of Influence' event.

Dean Jacobs informed Council about new provincial legislation and developing U of T policy about disclosure and reporting of sexual violence.

Acting Vice Dean Donnelly announced an October 13 policy seminar on the Commonwealth Federation Games on the topic of the UN's sustainable development goals.

Catherine Amara announced that the BKin/MT combined degree program has been launched this year.

Margaret MacNeill noted the conflict resolution conference, which will take place on October 25, 2016.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. (**Motion:** C. Amara/T. Welsh)