

Faculty Council Minutes
April 14, 2023 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Present: Beth Ali, Catherine Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Michael Atkinson, Robert Bentley, Barb Brophay, Joyce Chen, Simon Darnell, Kristine Drakich, Caroline Fusco, Jenna Gillen, Paul Handley, Michael Hutchison, Ira Jacobs, Gretchen Kerr, Amy Kirkham, Jamie Le, Marius Locke, Hassaan Mahmood, Lynda Mainwaring (Chair), Daniel Moore, Wendy Pais, Francesca Principe, Sarah Ryan, Boba Samuels, Malieka Shahid, Ashley Stirling, Katherine Tamminen, Linda Trinh, Tim Welsh

Guests: Beatrice Calista Chau, Megan Christoforidis, Dorian D'Angelo, Nicole Hoh, Reem Ibrahim, Emma Karamanlian, Dveeta Lal, Gabrielle Martin, Maryanne McCormick, Mayuran Sriharen, Lucy Tempest

Regrets: Ennis Blentic, Sabrina Malouka, Catherine Sabiston

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:04pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was accepted as presented. (**Motion:** Fusco/Amara, Carried)
3. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes from the March 3, 2023 Faculty Council meeting were accepted as presented. (**Motion:** Malieka/Stirling, Carried)
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Executive Committee**

Dean Kerr reported that the Committee has begun their process of reviewing and updating KPE's constitutions and bylaws for Faculty Council. The process of reviewing constitutions is required by the University on a regular basis. Dean Kerr noted that some titles of the Faculty's teaching stream positions and professoriate have changed since the last constitution was published. Thus, the Committee will be revising the constitution to reflect these changes and to review the gendered language in the current constitution. This review process will also provide the opportunity to align our bylaws to reflect the new Academic Plan and the integrated planning process that is currently underway. Dean Kerr then reported that Ms. Meredith Strong from the Office of the Vice Provost, Students will be assisting with the process of updating our Faculty's constitution and bylaws. The Committee is thrilled to have Meredith on board as she has extensive experience across many areas of the University, including both academic and co-curricular policy, governance and programs. The Committee will be conducting reviews to clarify the structure of the administrative and Governance Committees in the Faculty, and this process will include rethinking committee duties, committee memberships and committees' processes of decision making. As part of the review process, the Committee will also be reviewing other faculties' constitutions and bylaws that have been renewed in the last few years. Lastly, Dean Kerr reported that the Committee will be consulting with the Chairs of the various committees, and will bring forward drafts of the revisions to a subsequent

Faculty Council meeting.

b. Undergraduate Examinations

Professor Amara reported that the Committee members met on March 20 and seven petitions were reviewed at this meeting. Professor Amara thanked the Committee members for their thoughtful contributions while discussing the seven petitions. The Committee has reviewed fifty-nine petitions since the Committee's meeting on March 20, of which thirty were regarding term work accommodations due to medical reasons and compassionate grounds. Other petitions included late withdrawal requests from courses, request to return early from suspension etc. Professor Amara concluded her report by stating that the number of petitions reviewed this year is slightly higher than last year. At the same time last year, the Committee had received and reviewed forty-eight petitions.

c. Undergraduate Curriculum

Professor Amara shared that the Committee met on April 10 to discuss the five certificate proposals which are being brought forward to today's meeting for approval. Professor Amara reported that after the detailed proposals of the certificates were presented at the March Faculty Council meeting, the Committee had received feedback from the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs, members of our Faculty's administration and the professoriate. After carefully considering all feedback and re-examining the feedback undergraduate students provided, a few changes were made to further strengthen the proposals.

Professor Amara briefly described the certificate proposals as a whole and highlighted some of the key revisions.

Professor Amara reported that the discussion of potential undergraduate certificates began back in Fall 2022. The successful uptake of our current BKin certificates, students' desire for more options for certificates and the directions from the previous Academic Plan were some of the factors that provided the impetus to create these new certificates. Moreover, these certificates would help further differentiate our Faculty's program offerings as well as demonstrate the depth of study in a particular area. These new certificates were created with the desire to intentionally link our educational experience with specific Sustainable Development Goals as outlined by the United Nations. These certificates will provide our students with the opportunity to select elective courses from our upper year course offerings which will then lead to a particular certificate pathway, and provide them with a depth of study in a particular area. This also enables the students to clearly articulate the concentrated area of their study to others. Students will be able to request a maximum of three certificates in conjunction with their Bachelor of Kinesiology degree. Each certificate requires the successful completion of two full course equivalents or four half courses in a related pathway.

Next, Professor Amara noted the changes made to the proposals since the last

Faculty Council meeting.

The name of the certificate in Clinical Movement Sciences was previously presented as the certificate in Pre-Clinical and Rehabilitation Sciences. The name change suggestions came from discussion that took place at the professoriate meeting. There were some concerns about the use of term 'Rehabilitation Science' and 'Pre'. Some members expressed that if 'Pre' is used in this certificate then this should be included in all of the certificates as these certificates are there to support students and help them gain knowledge in a particular area of study during their undergraduate years before they can apply it to the real world or second-entry programs upon graduation. Due to the reasons listed above the Committee decided to go ahead with 'Clinical Movement Sciences' as suggested by a colleague at the professoriate meeting.

The name of the Sport Science certificate has been changed to Sport Sciences since the last presentation. This change has been made to reflect the breadth of sciences that we see in our undergraduate course offerings.

Moreover, after the detailed pathways of the certificates were presented at the last Faculty council meeting some additional courses have been added to certain categories, at the request of the course instructors, who felt that their courses fit into other certificate pathways.

Lastly, additional background information related to Sustainable Development Goals and its link with our courses and certificates have been added to the proposal as recommended by the Office of the Vice Provost, Academic Programs (VPAP).

Professor Amara concluded the presentation by putting forward a motion to accept the proposal for the *Certificate in Clinical Movement Sciences to be offered in conjunction with the BKin degree, effective 1 September, 2023*. (**Motion:** Amara/Fusco, Carried)

Professor Jacobs asked if the use of the word "Clinical" in this certificate had been appropriately reviewed to ensure that there will not be any challenges in the future. Professor Amara clarified that all certificates have been carefully reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice Provost, Academic Programs (VPAP). The Office of the Vice Provost, Academic Programs also was laudatory of KPE's certificate initiative. There have been some back and forth with this certificate name, and VPAP expressed that this would be a great option to use as it has not been used in any other undergraduate programs, and the use of the word 'movement' in this certificate provides the link specifically to KPE. VPAP does not see any problems with this certificate name, and the course alignment of this certificate clearly reflects the name choice. If there are any concerns regarding the certificate's name in the future, the Committee, via our administration may discuss this with the Council of Health Sciences.

Vice Dean Stirling added to Professor Amara's clarification, and stated that the Committee had done extensive research before presenting the names of the certificates to VPAP and asking for their recommendation on any changes or revision. During the research process it was discovered that many higher education institutions, both Universities and Colleges have programs that use the term 'Clinical Kinesiology'. For example, Seneca College is one of the institutions that offers a program with the terms 'Clinical' and 'Kinesiology'. Vice Dean Stirling reiterated Professor Amara's earlier points and mentioned that the Office of the Vice Provost Academic Programs did not raise any questions about the certificate's name, and if any concerns are brought forward the Committee has some comparators and exemplars from other higher education institutions' programs who also use the terms 'Clinical' for their micro credentials.

Professor Amara then put forward the motion to accept the proposal for the *Certificate in Fundamental Sciences and Research to be offered in conjunction with the BKin degree, effective 1 September, 2023*. (**Motion:** Amara/Kerr, Carried)

Professor Amara put forward the motion to accept the proposal for the *Certificate in Mental Health and Physical Activity to be offered in conjunction with the BKin degree, effective 1 September, 2023*. (**Motion:** Amara/Jacobs, Carried)

Professor Amara put forward the motion to accept the proposal for the *Certificate in Social and Environmental Justice to be offered in conjunction with the BKin degree, effective 1 September, 2023*. (**Motion:** Amara/Fusco, Carried)

Professor Amara put forward the motion to accept the proposal for the *Certificate in Sport Sciences to be offered in conjunction with the BKin degree, effective 1 September, 2023*. (**Motion:** Amara/ Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Carried)

The Chair congratulated Professor Amara and the Curriculum Committee for receiving unanimous approvals from Faculty Council and applauded them for working toward adding these great new additions to our Faculty's programming.

In conclusion, Professor Amara thanked the Curriculum Committee members for their tremendous engagement throughout this entire process. She then thanked Professor Fusco for championing sustainability and connecting the Curriculum Committee with the Committee on the Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability, which then further strengthened the certificate proposals. She then extended her thanks to the members of the professoriate and the students for their contributions and useful feedback.

d. **Undergraduate Admissions**

The Committee had their last meeting on April 5, and at this meeting the

Committee discussed the third round of undergraduate admission offers. The Committee has informed the Central Registrar's Office that for round three, 315 offers will be send out, and 37 of these offers will be made to international applicants. This third round of offers will be going out on April 21. The Committee will be making one last round of offers, after which the numbers of offers made this year would be similar to the numbers of offers made last year.

e. **Graduate Committee** – No report

f. **Research Committee**

Associate Dean, Research Welsh reported that the Research Committee is working on the initiative of reviewing it's bylaws and membership to ensure that the Committee is consistent with current practices. The Research Committee also has some feedback for the constitution and bylaw review process and the Committee will provide this feedback as needed.

The Committee is also working on the formation of the goals for the Divisional Quantitative Strategic Research Plan. This initiative is led by the Division of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation Office to help gather information and facilitate achievement of quantitative research goals. The Committee has also spent some time on the adjudication of the Summer Undergraduate Research awards opportunities. The committee has been able to bring forward ten awards this year to our Faculty. Six of these awards will be the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program award (UROP), three are University of Toronto Excellence Awards (UTEA), and one is a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council - Undergraduate Student Research Award (URSA). In addition to these ten awards, two special competition opportunities are also available for students who identify as Black or Indigenous. Finalized updates on these awards will be available at the next Faculty Council meeting. Lastly, it was reported that Professor Daniel Moore and Professor Catherine Sabiston will be leading weekly interdisciplinary research meetings throughout the summer to provide additional information and opportunities for networking for students. In conclusion, Professor Welsh thanked the Committee members for their part in adjudicating and assigning these awards to appropriate candidates.

g. **Council of Athletics & Recreation** – No report

h. **Equity Committee**

The Committee met in the month of March to share the equity work that is occurring in each of the Committee's respective portfolios, with the purpose of facilitating communication and awareness of the equity-related initiatives ongoing across the Faculty. During the meeting, diverse examples of equity initiatives were shared related to intercollegiate and intramural sports, child and youth programming, academic programming, and student societies such as KPEGS and KPEUA. Some examples of these initiatives include mandatory equity training for athletes and coaches, use of inclusive language in policies, (sport) rules, awards, and positions and expansion of course and programming offerings. This

information will be shared with the KPE Leadership Team as a way to document these initiatives moving forward in relation to the KPE Academic Plan.

- i. **Awards Committee** – No report
 - j. **Restricted Funds Committee** – No report
 - k. **Sponsorship Committee** – No report
- 5. EDU Reports**
- a. **Centre for Sport Policy Studies**

Professor Darnell reported that the Centre for Sport Policy Studies is working on the relaunch of the Centre’s website, which would serve as a publishing space for students who are involved with policy related work. The Centre is also working on their Policy Briefs Series and starting to plan the Research Symposium for next year.
 - b. **Centre for Motor Control**

Professor Chen reported that the Centre for Motor Control had their last seminar on March 30. The talk was given by Dr. Ewa Niechwiej-Szwedo from the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science at the University of Waterloo titled, “The Role of Binocular Vision in the Development of Visual Mode of Control and Performance of Fine Motor Skill - Insights from Amblyopia”. This seminar was well attended, with twenty-five attendees. Next, Professor Chen stated that the Centre for Motor Control will be organizing this year’s Southern Ontario Motor Behaviour Symposium (SOMBS). This event is scheduled for May 5 and will be taking place in the KPE student lounge area. Professor Chen thanked KPEUA for use of their lounge space for this event. All undergraduate students are encouraged to participate in this event to present their ideas in a talk format. The format of this talk is flexible, and students can submit the title of the talk, project proposals and pilot data to the Centre of Motor Control, if they are interested in presenting their work at this Symposium. The deadline for submission is April 17, and reminder emails to register for this event will be going out soon.
 - c. **Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre** – No report
 - d. **Centre for Sport-Related Concussion Research, Innovation and Knowledge**

Professor Hutchison reported that Centre has been approached by a startup company called Neuro Catch under the University of British Columbia. They will be visiting in the month of May to do a demonstration of their portable EEG device, which is both FDA and Health Canada approved. This startup is looking for collaborators, and anyone interested in portable EEG assessments are encouraged to come to this session. Announcements and email reminders will be sent out regarding this session closer to the event date.

Before moving onto the Deans' reports, Professor Mainwaring (Faculty Council Chair) invited everyone to take a one-minute activity break by following along the tutorials and doing a Métis Jig dance.

6. Deans' Reports

a. Dean

Dean Kerr began her report by stating that our Faculty had quite a busy year filled with various events and activities, and has also officially reached the time of year when we start to celebrate various achievements from the previous academic year.

Dean Kerr highlighted some of recent activities that took place at our Faculty. A recognition event was held for intramural participants on March 29. This intramural program is the largest in the country with over 13,000 students participating. Similarly, the inter University program is also the biggest in the country and student athletes who participated in this program were recognized on April 1. On March 31, KPE hosted the annual Bertha Rosenstadt National Undergraduate Research Conference. This year's conference had the highest number of participants. Last week, the Dean Student Leadership Awards were held, presenting awards to undergraduate and graduate students from across the University for their volunteer leadership contributions to the Faculty, Sport and Recreation and Academic Programs. Dean Kerr also added that our Faculty is in the midst of preparing for the Bodies of Knowledge Graduate conference, which is scheduled to happen on May 10. In addition, this year's Spring Convocation ceremony will take place on June 2. Lastly, Dean Kerr thanked everyone who has worked behind the scenes to make these various events successful and memorable.

As mentioned in the last Faculty Council's Dean's report, Professor Roy Shephard, a former colleague and director of the School of Physical and Health Education recently passed away. A memorial event has been organized to honor Professor Shephard's contributions to the Faculty, the University and the field of exercise physiology. This memorial will be held on June 8. In addition, a memorial award will be established in Professor Roy Shephard's name; more details will be available soon.

Next, Dean Kerr reported that the new Academic Plan was presented for information to the Planning and Budget Committee of Governing Council earlier in the week. The plan was very well received and during the question period the Provost applauded our Faculty for demonstrating the benefits of integrating education, research and practice. The Provost specifically noted that our Faculty's MoveU.HappyU program is a model example of this integrated process. Our Faculty's MoveU.HappyU program provides students who are seeking mental health support with physical activity programming and KPE students are provided with valuable educational experiences, all of which happens within a research paradigm. As next steps, the Academic Plan will be presented to the Academic Board for information at the end of this month.

The new Academic Plan also refers to the goals of applying our education and research endeavors to have local and global impact. Recently, there have been many topics and issues within our field that are receiving tremendous public media and scholarly attention. One of these is the advocacy initiated by Professor Emeritus and Ombudsperson, Bruce Kidd. Professor Bruce Kidd, along with former Toronto Mayor John Sewell, has established a Committee to lobby for the banning of sport gambling ads, to resemble the banning of advertisements of cigarettes. The motivation for advocating for such a ban is on the basis of the substantial empirical body of evidence showing that such advertisements contribute to addictions and other mental health challenges in youth.

Next, Dean Kerr recognized the exceptional learning opportunities our dedicated faculty members and instructors have provided to the students and learners while also making significant contributions to the running of the Faculty, scholarly communities, and the generation of knowledge in our field as faculty members, coaches and instructors. Moreover, Dean Kerr mentioned these contributions are not possible without the support of our administrative staff across the faculty including the Registrar's Office, IT, HR, Facilities, Communications and Finance. Dean Kerr then extended a big thank you to everyone for their work and dedication.

Lastly, Dean Kerr stated that the current KPEUA Student Council members will be passing the baton of leadership to their newly elected members. The new members will be introduced toward the end of today's meeting during the KPEUA reports. Dean Kerr then thanked all the current KPEUA members under the competent leadership of their President Malieka Shahid, for their valuable contributions to the academic programs and student life. Dean Kerr expressed that working with the current KPEUA members has been a pleasure and each member has added exceptional unique experiences to the KPE student body. In addition, Dean Kerr wished all the members best in their next endeavors.

In closing, Dean Kerr wished everyone a successful completion of the very busy term, especially to the students as they enter the period of final examination and final assignments.

b. **Vice-Dean, Academic**

Vice-Dean Stirling began her report by echoing the thanks that was shared by Dean Kerr for all of the students, staff and faculty for their contributions to the many success events that occurred over the last month.

Then Vice-Dean Stirling highlighted few of the events that took place in our Faculty over the past month. In particular, she mentioned the Reach Ahead March break event, the annual Undergraduate Student Research Conference, as well as the National Biomechanics Day. The National Biomechanics Day was a big success, and the number of participants and interest for this initiative has grown

quickly over a small period of time. The Day is celebrated worldwide on April 5, and high schools around the world celebrate the field of biomechanics on this day. A year ago, Professor Timothy Burkhart was approached and asked whether our Faculty would be interested in organizing an event to celebrate National Biomechanics Day. As a result, in partnership with the Registrar's office, this event was co-created with Professor Burkhart's research team. This event was relatively small last year, however this year it grew and was highly successful. Due to the overwhelming interest to attend this event, the event ran over two days from April 5 to 6. More than eight High schools and over 250 students come through our building and visited lab workshops led by Professor Burkhart as well as other faculty members and graduate students. Our undergraduate student ambassadors were also highly involved and critical to the delivery of this program. This was also an amazing opportunity for us to showcase what one of our Faculty's programs has to offer. Vice-Dean Stirling also mentioned that after this event's success, our Faculty is thinking about exploring more of these kinds of events with other faculty members and in other areas of research within our programs. In addition, it seems that high schools want to be engaging with our Faculty through these kinds of events and we are also seeing strong uptake for these types events from prospective and high school students.

Next, Vice-Dean Stirling stated that our Faculty has a few recruitment events coming up as we are transitioning into the yield season. These events will showcase our programs with hopes of converting an offer of admission into acceptances. Vice-Dean Stirling also mentioned that the students are no longer interested in coming to the large presentation type recruitment events and instead they prefer one-on-one meetings. This is being seen across the University, and this trend is highly pronounced in Arts and Science. Recently, we are also seeing this trend in our Faculty's recruitment efforts.

Lastly, Vice-Dean Stirling shared a few important dates and deadline as this term is coming to an end. The April final exam period will be wrapping up on April 28, Summer 2023 course enrollments opened on April 11 and the last day to add summer courses is May 14. Spring Convocation will be held on June 2 at 10:00 am followed by the Faculty's reception. Vice-Dean ended her report by encouraging Faculty members to attend and participate in the Convocation procession. Alerts and event details about the upcoming Convocation will be shared soon.

c. **Associate Dean, Research**

Associate Dean, Research Welsh begun his report by providing some background information regarding the Divisional Quantitative Strategic Research Plan. As mentioned in the last Council meeting, this is an initiative which was launched by the Division of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation Office (VPRI) to support individual academic units as well as the University as a whole in achieving certain metrics of research achievement and impact. The goal of this initiative focuses on the four different areas of innovation, entrepreneurship,

publication, citation, research funding, awards and honors. The focus of this plan is on quantitative measures; however, this does not take away the importance or recognition of the qualitative measures impact. The Central VPRI office focuses on these types of metrics and measures because they impact the international rankings as well as the distribution of resources such as The Canada Foundation for Innovation grants, Canada Research Chairs, and Undergraduate Research Award opportunities. The Research Committee, in discussions with others, have decided to focus on two of these areas, which would be research grant participation and nominations for awards and recognitions. The two goals that the Committee will be submitting this year will be to increase each of those different opportunities by five percent that is, increasing the grant participation rate in Tri-Council Grants by five percent and to increase nominations for awards and recognition by least five percent. Next, Professor Welsh stated that two members from the Division of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation Office Research office will be hosting a small workshop from 3 to 4 pm this afternoon. This workshop will be virtual via zoom; at this workshop they will discuss the opportunities for support they specially provide in the areas of entrepreneurship and as well as commercialization of ideas. If anyone is interested in joining this discussion, they can email Professor Welsh and they will be provided with the zoom link to the workshop. Lastly, Professor Welsh mentioned that some initial announcements have been received about the Tri-Council Agency Funding over the last month. Our Faculty has generated more than four million in funding across all of the different agencies, and this number means we are close to, if not above, a ninety percent success rate. More details will be available at the next Faculty Council meeting. Unfortunately, the actual announcements cannot be made because of embargos on the information. In conclusion, Professor Welsh extended thanks to the faculty members and principal investigators for their great ideas and taking the initiative to apply for these grants. Professor Welsh also thanked the Research Services Offices and officers for all the support that they have provided to our faculty over the past year.

d. **Executive Director, Athletics & Physical Activity**

Beth Ali stated that the staff have been busy finalizing their operational plans for the next academic year, as the current year's planning has officially wrapped up. Beth Ali then mentioned that there are enhanced physical activity opportunities available for students as a way to reduce stress and isolation during this exam period. The MoveU.HappyU staff members are also moving around the St. George campus, offering fitness breaks and healthy snacks to the students. It was noted that this year huge numbers of participants were seen across all of the programs and the staff has done an outstanding job of ensuring student experience was always at the forefront. The staff commitment to student physical and mental well-being, as well as their academic successes were the driving force for all of the programming and services throughout the year. Thanks was given to all the full-time and casual co-curricular staff for their continued commitment and dedication through the entire academic year. In conclusion, Beth Ali mentioned that the Hall of Fame event will be taking place on May 25, which is the last event

of the Spring for this academic year. This is the University of Toronto's Sport Hall of Fame event; and a number of teams and individual athletes are being inducted to the Hall of Fame this year.

e. **Chief Administrative Officer**

Paul Handley reported that two projects will be underway by next month's Faculty Council meeting. First, the renovations to the corridors of the second and third floor of Clara Benson building and second, the creation of dedicated space for the Tanenbaum Institute for Science and Sport in the Goldring Centre.

7. Student Governments' Reports

a. **KPEUA**

Professor Mainwaring thanked Malieka Shahid for her leadership and contributions over the past Academic year. Malieka expressed her gratitude and thanked Dean Kerr and everyone at the Faculty Council for supporting KPEUA's initiatives throughout the Academic year. Then, Malieka asked the new members of the KPEUA to introduce themselves to the Faculty Council. Emma Karamanlian will be the new President of KPEUA for the upcoming Academic year. Dveeta Lal will serve as the Vice President of KPEUA. Reem Ibrahim and Megan Christoforidis, both will serve as the Co-Presidents of KPEUA. Beatrice Calista Chau will serve as the Social Commissioner of KPEUA. Gabrielle Martin and Nicole Hoh will serve as the Co-deputies of KPEUA. Lucy Tempest will be the Equity Commissioner and lastly, Mayran Sriharen will be the Finance Commissioner of KPEUA.

b. **KPEGS**

Francesca Principe stated that KPEGS is in the midst of preparing for the upcoming Bodies of Knowledge Conference, which is on May 10. The deadline for abstract submission for this conference is today at 11:59 PM. There will be a headshot event in the month of May, and few other events planned for the graduate students. Lastly, Francesca Principe noted that a new Council will not be announced until the end of July or August.

8. **Other Business/Announcements** – None

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm (**Motion:** Fusco/Amara, Carried)