

FACULTY COUNCIL
Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
January 22, 2016, 12:10 p.m.
Margaret Eaton Board Room, Benson 302

Minutes

Present: Marius Locke (acting Chair), Beth Ali, Cathy Amara, Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Robin Campbell, Simon Darnell, Kaleigh Ferdinand Pennock, Niki Fimalino, David Frost, Caroline Fusco, Rachel Goodman, Stephanie Ho, Gretchen Kerr, Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman, Lynda Mainwaring, Karen McLeister, Gail Nichol, Catherine Sabiston, Daniel Santa Mina, Ryan Schwenger, Ashley Stirling, Merrily Stratten, Luc Tremblay, Darrin Wijeyaratnam

Guests: Tim Linden

Regrets: Tracia Finlay-Watson, Jack Goodman, Paula Paunic

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The circulated agenda was approved. (**Motion:** Mainwaring/Wijeyaratnam)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 4, 2015 meeting were circulated for review and approved. (**Motion:** Mainwaring/Wijeyaratnam)

4. Committee Reports

a. Undergraduate Examinations:

Lynda Mainwaring reported that the Examinations Committee, including student representation, met on January, 14, 2016 to review and approve the 2015 fall academic and PRA grades. There was unanimous approval of the grades, which were reported to Acting Vice Dean Atkinson, and the Director of Undergraduate Education, Professor Amara on Monday January 19, 2016. Marks were released on to students by the Registrar on January 19 as well.

Academic Grades: The academic marks were reviewed by reference to the KPE mark guidelines, courses within each year, and a six year historical chart of grade distributions. Marks outside the guidelines occurred as a result of any of the following: group assignments, students with low marks and effort, dropping courses, the high level of scholarship seen in some courses, and selection bias in certain courses.

Practicum (PRA) Grades: All PRA marks were approved.

Acknowledgements: Thank you to student representative Stephanie Ho, Examinations Committee. Thank you to all members of the committee for your time and thoughtful deliberations. A special thank you to Tim Linden for his dedicated work assembling the information for this review and report.

b. Undergraduate Curriculum

Cathy Amara reported that the Outdoor Projects review group is underway, although they are in search of an undergraduate student to join the committee. This group has been examining the overall curriculum and learning outcomes of the ODP courses, to see enhance the infusion of experiential education theory, as was done with the new PRA curriculum. The goal is to complete this review by the end of the Winter 2016 term.

The Critical Inquiry group presented their draft proposal to the professoriate in January for feedback, and the group is now taking this information into consideration and working on revisions. An updated report will be made at the next Faculty Council meeting.

The Capstone working group is now ready to present their findings to the professoriate, and will be looking for feedback on this report.

In general, the Curriculum Committee is looking at our competencies in equity and diversity, and at strengthening these areas across our curriculum.

c. Undergraduate Admissions

Cathy Amara reported that the Admissions Committee has received some early data from the Ontario Universities Application Centre (as of January 18, 2016, which includes all 101 applications from Ontario high schools). Our applications are down very slightly from last year, with 1,116 received this year (compared to 1,174). The number of applicants who listed us as their first choice is also down this year, with 249 received (compared to 303). This trend has also been seen across other similar faculties this year. The first selection meeting will be held on Friday February 5. Methods for refining and streamlining our selection criteria are currently being reviewed, both by the Committee and the Registrar, and we hope to implement them for the 2017-18 cycle.

There have been major changes in our recruitment strategies this year, with the addition of a dedicated role in the Registrar's Office, held by Sophie Harding, which bodes well for future admission processes.

d. Graduate Committee

Marius Locke reported an update on the issue of good standing, which is a list of milestones that Masters and PhD students should be meeting within our faculty (in addition to what the School of Graduate Studies requires). This list has been distributed to graduate students for review, and feedback will be discussed at the next Graduate Committee meeting.

Admissions update for 2016: we have received 77 MSc applications, and 20 PhD applications to date. The Masters of Professional Kinesiology program has also received many applications, and the application deadline has been extended to March 1, 2016. Decisions will be made at February 22 meeting, and faculty members are encouraged to come to review the application files over Reading Week in the Registrar's Office.

The committee is currently deciding on the CGSM awards (SSHRC, NSERC, and CIHR) with 6 or 7 spots open and 28 applications received.

e. Research Committee

Luc Tremblay presented the Extra Departmental Unit strategy to the Council for approval, followed by discussion. The motion was carried (**Motion:** Tremblay/Arbor-Nicitopoulos).

The Research Cluster exercise report was presented to the Council for information purposes. This program will come to an end in 2017, and preparation for the new one will likely begin this fall. A survey will be sent to all professors who do research, to see how our Faculty aligns with U of T's research goals.

f. Council of Athletics & Recreation

Beth Ali reported that the 2016-17 co-curricular budget was passed last week, and now the CAUSS process will take place on Monday. A review of the CAR governance documents will be undertaken in February to identify gaps in the process and find areas to improve upon. This review will be done by Beth and the CAR co-chairs, and a working group will then be struck to develop suggestions, which will be brought to CAR for review in September. The co-curricular budget process will also be reviewed, with a particular focus on the ways in which information is presented to students.

An ancillary fee increase of 9% to all students to cover the costs of new facilities was originally expected, however occupancy costs across the university were decreased for KPE, so the increase for this year is now 6.54%. An increase of 2.5-3% is anticipated for next year, now that we have our new facilities up and running. The total ancillary fee for the 2015-16 academic year is \$172.75 per term, and for, and the requested fee for the 2016-17 academic year is \$183.52 per term.

g. Equity Committee

Caroline Fusco reported that the next meeting will be held on February 3, and an outline for an equity outreach initiative day to be held in May will be the main topic. This event will focus on intersectionalities, how various identities intersect (such as gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic situation), and will be looking at the areas of sport, health, and education.

The Committee is also working on updating their terms of reference, as this was last done in 2011.

h. Awards Committee

Robin Campbell presented a new award for approval, Sir William Mulock scholarship, which was approved by Council. (**Motion:** Stratten/Sabiston)

The Reception for Scholars will be held March 2, 2016 in the Great Hall at Hart House.

i. Restricted Funds Committee: Next meeting in June 2016.

j. Sponsorship Committee: Next meeting in February 2016.

5. Centre Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies: No report

b. Centre for Motor Control

Luc Tremblay reported on behalf of Tim Welsh that the Centre has received the external reports from the ongoing EDU review process, and the report which includes Dr. Welsh's response will be reviewed at Monday's Research Committee meeting.

6. Deans' Reports

a. Dean

Acting Dean Kerr provided updates regarding several major initiatives taking place. Interviews for the advertised position in *Physical Activity and Health in Children and Adolescents* are beginning next week. All members of council are welcome to attend the research seminars. Both undergraduate and graduate students are also invited to meet and greet the candidates over lunch; please contact Carole Orane if interested.

The review of the Sports Medicine Clinic is ongoing. We have had two external reviewers come to campus to spend a day with various stakeholders, and they have submitted their report. The majority of community feedback sessions have also been completed, with the goal of having the report finished in March. Michelle Brownrigg has agreed to complete this project.

There has been a major recruitment initiative of graduate students this year, particularly for the Exercise Science PhD and new Master of Professional Kinesiology programs. The metrics that we have received so far reflect a very positive effect as a result of these efforts.

Equity and inclusion form one of the core values of our Faculty, and initiatives in these areas permeate through all aspects of the academic plan. We plan to highlight the issues of race and indigeneity for the rest of the term which are consistent with the University's priorities as well. The University leadership has recently distributed a call for steering committee members for the Truth and Reconciliation Implementation Plan. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada submitted a report last month, with several call to action initiatives regarding education. U of T is going to review these recommendations with considerations of implementation. The U of T administration is also responding to concerns expressed by the Black Liberation Alliance, by, in part, collecting race-related data from surveys in student, faculty and staff populations. The University is also going to begin collecting demographic data regarding those who apply to U of T and who accept offers. At KPE, we are going to consolidate our efforts in these areas by developing a Race and Indigeneity task force that involves members of both the curricular and co-curricular sides. Membership of this task force, terms of reference and scope of work will be presented for discussion and approval at a future Council meeting.

Finally, we would like to thank Michelle Brownrigg for her continued and valued contributions both to Council and to the Faculty as a whole. She has been a staff member for six years, but has been affiliated with us for much longer. During her time with the Faculty, Michelle has made significant contributions to the promotion of physical activity across the U of T community and has been a champion for the advancement of equity initiatives. As of January 31, she is moving to a new role as Senior Director of Co-curricular Education at Hart House.

b. Vice Dean, Academic: No report

c. Associate Dean, Research

Luc Tremblay congratulated all grants that are progressing, and announced that there are more CFI's in the works. The public research symposium has been set for Wednesday April 6, 2016, with more details to come at the next Council meeting.

The position of research officer has been filled, with Marisol D'Andrea from OISE joining us beginning on February 7.

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

Beth Ali reported that the Physical Activity and Equity team supported the UTSC job fair that took place this week at the dome, which saw an increase of 35% more students attending than last year. We are oversubscribed to the upcoming Equity Summit, which is a tri-campus event, with workshops for staff and students taking place over two days.

Jen Leake and Barb Brophy have been working with Ashley Stirling and Kelly Arbor-Nicitopoulos to establish collaborative programs to coordinate MPK placements this fall.

We are in the final stages of the Sports Medicine Clinic review, with an email survey to be sent out soon. There has been a low turnout of KPE students at the town hall events, are hoping to get a better response from the emails.

A search for an acting Director, Physical Activity and Equity to replace Michelle is underway, with interviews taking place next week.

The intercollegiate teams participated in many volunteer events over the holidays, as well as training programs. The 5th annual Coaches' Conference (soccer) will be taking place next week.

The NBA All-Stars Game is taking place in Toronto over the weekend of February 12-14, the first time this event has taken place outside of the United States. Our Men's Basketball team will be playing against Ryerson during NBA FanFest at the Enercare Centre as one of the weekend's events.

The CFL Combine is coming to play at the dome in March, and we are hosting an internal Strength and Conditioning Conference at Goldring in March, as well as Coaches Association of Ontario's superclinic in May.

Events:

January 9 – School day at Goldring Centre, with over 2,000 students from TDSB and TCDSB attending.

January 28 - 'Design for Change' facilitated discussion focusing on developing student areas of attention for a healthy campus (across all three campuses).

March 10 - 'Soul on Ice' screening, a tri-campus partnership event at Hart House's Conscious Docs series.

e. Chief Administrative Officer

Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman reported that the Goldring Centre capital project is now closed, as we have met all facility-related objectives. She thanked Robin Campbell for his work in attaining donors for this project. The Faculty will take on a small mortgage to bridge the gap between the final donations that have yet to be collected.

7. Student Government Reports

a. KPEUA

Darrin Wijeyaratnam reported that the review of the KPEUA Constitution and By-Laws is coming to a close, and significant improvements have been made. The next steps are to bring these documents to the general council, then to University student life staff and KPE faculty members, and finally to the Faculty Council.

A new project to create positions for the Co-Curricular Record is underway, and ten new validated positions have been created, which are both internal and external to the KPEUA.

The process of electing co-deputies to the Athletic Association is about to begin, with a new process proposed for this year. This new process involves the co-presidents selecting top candidates for the co-deputy positions, followed by a vote. A CRO is needed for this process, as well as for the executive elections. An election for a KPE director for the UTSU board of directors is also taking place.

Events: Graduation photos are taking place next week; a pancake breakfast will be held February 1 for Commuter Appreciation Week; PHE4All; Kin Games (hosted by McGill University); Jockularity Talent show on March 24; Graduation formal on May 5.

The council thanked Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman and faculty for new microwave in student lounge

b. KPEGS

Rachel Goodman reported that the new milestones for the MSc and PhD programs have been reviewed by students, and that planning for the Bodies of Knowledge conference is underway. There is a conflict in dates with the superclinic, so alternative locations are being investigated. Faculty involvement in BOK is encouraged.

The Faculty/Student charity hockey game is planned for the last week of March, and is expected to be a big spectator event.

8. **Announcement:** Acting Dean Kerr thanked Marius for stepping in to chair the meeting at the last minute.
9. **Adjournment:** 1:40pm