

University of Toronto – Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
Faculty Council Minutes
April 8, 2022 12-2 p.m.
Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Present: Jack Goodman (Chair), Adam Ali, Beth Ali, Caitlin Alvares, Catherine Amara, Chris Arnold, Michael Atkinson, Tom Babits, Robert Bentley, Barb Brophy, Timothy Burkhart, Joyce Chen, Rebekah Choi, Kristine Drakich, Tracia Finlay-Watson, Jenna Gillen, Paul Handley, Veronika Katsiuk, Gretchen Kerr, Marius Locke, Margaret MacNeill, Hassaan Mahmood, Lynda Mainwaring, Daniel Moore, Wendy Pais, Sasha Renton DeLannoy, Catherine Sabiston, Boba Samuels, Stephanie Sarker, Malieka Shahid, Grant Shantz, Luc Simard, Ashley Stirling, Tim Taha, Katherine Tamminen, Tim Welsh

Guests: Natalie Agro, Doriano D'Angelo, Maryanne McCormick

Regrets: Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos, Michael Hutchison, Sabrina Malouka, Erica Nekolaichuk, Daniel Sibley, Linda Trinh

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was accepted as presented. (**Motion:** Amara/Tamminen, Carried)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 4, 2022 meeting were accepted as presented. (**Motion:** Welsh/B. Ali, Carried)

4. Committee Reports

a. **Executive Committee:** No report

b. Examinations Committee

Professor Amara reported that the committee last met on March 21st and discussed and ruled on petitions submitted to the subcommittee since the previous meeting, in addition to new petitions under consideration. The committee then considered changing our faculty's 'extra course' policy for first year credits, based on recent action from the Faculty of Arts & Science. Last year, Arts & Science lifted their restriction on the number of first year courses, so all courses taken now count towards a student's GPA, although not all courses taken will count towards degree completion. This topic will be revisited.

c. Curriculum Committee

Professor Amara reported that the committee last met on March 14, and discussed the next steps for the new second year required course proposal. The proposed course is a direct response to one of the *Task Force for Race and Indigeneity's* recommendations to develop and integrate a required course within the undergraduate curriculum focused on indigenous issues and history, colonial history, equity and racism in the context of sport and physical activity. In order to make space in the program of study for this new course, one of the Year 2 statistics courses will be moved to Year 3 (with a new course code assigned), and both courses will be held in the Fall term. Students can choose which of these statistics courses to take first. The number of compulsory courses has been increased to 10.5 FCE (from 10.0 FCE), and the minimum number of out of division courses has been decreased to 1.5 FCE (from 2.0 FCE) to accommodate this course. The total number of credits required for graduation from the BKin degree program remains 20.0 FCE.

Motion: Be it resolved, that the proposed required 2nd year course, KPE 240 Indigenous and Black Histories: Health, Healing and Physical Activity and the related changes to the BKin programme of study be approved with effective date 1 September 2022. (**Motion:** Amara/MacNeill, Carried)

Discussion followed regarding logistics of the Year 2 Qualitative and Quantitative Statistics courses shifting. Professor Atkinson asked about ramifications of students not being exposed to both types of research methods prior to beginning optional Year 3 Research courses, and if KPE190H – Inquiry in Kinesiology and Physical Education needs to be adapted to address this issue. Professor Amara responded that the ramifications for the KPE390Y and KPE490Y research courses were discussed, but that the student flexibility in choosing which research methods course to take first would address the issue. KPE190H adaptations have not yet been discussed, but can be reviewed in future. The motion was carried.

The committee also continued discussions following up on Professor Goodman’s presentation at their previous meeting regarding the Outdoor Projects curriculum, and how we can continue to offer these. No decisions have been made yet, but the committee is discussing the idea of combining some of the content and experiences from the third-year projects into an academic course. The committee is reviewing the issue of access for the first- and second-year projects, and how we deliver these experiences and provide options for students. The current vision is to increase knowledge within the compulsory curriculum about the important links between physical activity, land, water and environmental sustainability.

Finally, the committee discussed not for credit degree requirements, such as the First Aid/CPR certifications, which come with an additional cost. Discussions are continuing, and there is a meeting with students planned for later this afternoon to obtain their input on this issue.

d. Admissions Committee

Professor Taha thanked Margaret Ajax for her years of service on behalf of the committee, and for her compassion in both the admissions process and financial aid for our students. She is currently assisting with the transition of the new staff member in this role, Nicole Ryan.

The total number of applications received is up 5%, and Ontario high school applications are up 11%. There has been a drop in international student applications, about 7% fewer (25 less) received this year. We have received 16 applications from First Nations/Inuit applicants, which is 2 more than were received last year.

The committee has spent the last few meetings discussing the awarding of two new entrance scholarships, which have different supplemental information requested, and how to best identify eligible individuals. It was decided to communicate with all applicants and ask them to identify as Black or First Nations (using the same language as the Faculty of Medicine), and not ask for information beyond this, as to not make more work for equity deserving groups. Information from the statement of interest and grades will be used to make decisions. The committee is working with Wendy Pais and Nicole Ryan to send this information out to applicants, and hope to do so in the next week in order to get responses back within four weeks before the final acceptances are due.

e. Graduate Committee

Professor Atkinson reported that the committee last met on March 8, with nothing major to report. He welcomed Alison Grossman to the role of Assistant Registrar, Graduate Programs, and thanked Ashleigh Calabrese for her work in supporting the office since Zarine Ahmed’s departure.

f. Research Committee

Professor Welsh reported that the committee has completed the assessment of summer undergraduate research awards, and there are 9 successful awardees this year. He thanked the committee for their work in developing this assessment, and the supervisors for taking on the students for the summer.

The committee also discussed the divisional Quantitative Strategic Research Plan, which was formed with the assistance of the research services office. More information about this will be provided in the Associate Dean's report.

g. Council of Athletics and Recreation

Beth Ali reported that the Council is now in recess until September. She recognized the hard work of this year's co-chairs, Grant Shantz and Josh Allan.

h. Equity Committee: No report

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: No report

b. Centre for Motor Control

Professor Chen reported on the success of the most recent speaker event, which had 50 attendees, including participants from Germany and the USA. The last event for this year will be taking place on April 22, 10:00 a.m. Further details will be shared via email.

Finally, the Centre for Motor Control and the Southern Ontario Motor Behaviour Symposium will be hosting a hybrid conference at Wilfried Laurier University on April 29. The conference is geared towards both graduate and undergraduate students, and the abstract deadline is April 12.

c. Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre: No report

d. Centre for Sport-Related Concussion Research, Innovation and Knowledge: No report

6. Dean's Reports

a. Dean

Dean Kerr reminded Council of how far we have come from the beginning of term, which involved unexpected COVID-19 shut downs, to today, the last day of classes, and we are now in a situation where restrictions are beginning to lift. Throughout the pandemic, the KPE community has worked diligently to provide a safe and respectful environment, and Dean Kerr thanked the students, faculty and staff for all of their efforts and patience with adaptations as we navigated the term.

The University's program called 'Scholars at Risk', is available for students from Ukraine who wish to continue their studies here. The University has also established emergency funding for faculty members who are coming to U of T as a result of the war in Ukraine. The University has announced two new task forces: Anti-Asian Racism Task Force, which will follow the model used for the Anti-Semitism and Anti-Black Racism Task Forces; and a Resiliency Task Force, which will look at lessons learned from the pandemic, and things that we want to maintain as a result. More information about these will be provided in the coming year.

The federal budget was released yesterday, containing numerous priorities that align with the University, such as environment and climate change, Indigenous reconciliation, and diversity and inclusion. Related to sport and physical activity, \$1.8 million has been devoted to the Special Olympics, and \$16 million for safe sport. Most of this will go to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, which address complaints in this area, and is a welcome response to abuse in sport.

Dean Kerr extended congratulations to all the students who presented at the 22nd National Undergraduate Research Conference, which was a huge success. She also thanked everyone who was involved in the planning and organizing of this event, and the faculty members who supervised the students.

A reminder that the Faculty has been running 'Strategy Hives' related to the strategic planning process, to seek input from our community on where we would like the Faculty to go, to be known for, and our shared purposes. The three that have taken place so far have been inspiring and engaging, with a final one taking place next week. A hive dedicated to students only is scheduled for May 3.

At this time of the year, we celebrate many achievements in our community. Recently KPE students were recognized at the Reception for Scholars, and tomorrow there is an event to celebrate student athletes who participate in our inter-university programs. Dean Kerr also recognized and thanked Margaret Ajax for her many contributions over the years, and wished her well in the next chapter. Information about retirement celebrations will be coming soon.

Finally, Dean Kerr wished all undergraduate and graduate students the best with their end of term projects, assignments and exams.

b. Vice Dean, Academic

Professor Stirling reported on recent events in the Faculty. The 'Reach Ahead' program ran over the March Break, with many excellent demonstrations throughout the week, and 19 attendees. The annual National Undergraduate Research Conference was held on April 1, with 84 student presentations from across nine institutions, in both virtual and in person formats.

Registration for Summer term courses begins next week, on April 12. KPE is offering eight undergraduate courses, both required and elective, all online. The Winter term final exam period begins on April 11. Finally, planning is underway for the 2022-23 academic year.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Professor Welsh congratulated everyone who participated in the National Undergraduate Research Conference, it was an exciting day. In COVID related news, the University is generally moving towards maintaining the opening plan, with all activities being able to resume in person if they are consistent with Toronto Public Health and University policies.

A reminder that there is a strong initiative from the Vice Provost of Research and Innovation office for faculty members to create direct research pages, to replace the current outdated front facing pages. These direct research pages are comprehensive and easy to use, and allow you to update your research profile. They are not required, but are recommended. Drafts have been created for all faculty; please let the Research Services team know if you do not want your page to be live.

Professor Welsh provided an update on the Divisional Quantitative Strategic Research Plan, which has three main goals identified: to increase in tri-Council agency grant applications; to increase applications for awards and honors to recognize the work we are doing; and to attempt to obtain or identify a larger institutional interdivisional grant.

d. Executive Director, Athletics & Physical Activity

Beth Ali reported that there is currently a focus on physical activity support services that are enhancing the end of term and exam period for students. Planning for the 2022-23 academic year is underway, with programs under review. There is currently a severe shortage of causal staff for the spring and summer

periods, and a third push to hire more students and casual staff is underway. Beth reported that she is open to suggestions or resources to encourage more uptake.

7. Student Governments' Reports

a. KPEUA

Stephanie Sarker reported that the Orientation Week coordinators have been selected, and are preparing for their roles with the assistance of Darryl McSherry and the Office of Student Life.

The elections for the 2022-23 academic year have just ended, with all of the new executive members taking over their roles as of May 1, 2022. The incoming president is Malieka Shahid. Professor Amara thanked Stephanie for her outstanding work in the role of KPEUA president over the past year, and welcomed Malieka to the role.

b. KPEGS

Professor Goodman provided a call for abstracts for the Bodies of Knowledge conference on behalf of Daniel Sibley. The link for abstract submissions was emailed to all Faculty Council members immediately after the meeting ended.

8. Announcements

Professor Welsh announced that PEKinPAC will be starting again this summer, which is a weekly social physical activity. It will be taking place in the Sports Gym during May and June, Wednesdays 12-1pm. A formal announcement with more details will be coming soon, and all faculty members, staff, and graduate students are welcome to join.

Professor Goodman provided a reminder that the final meeting of the year will be held on a different day and time than usual, Thursday May 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. (**Motion:** Amara/Tamminen, Carried)