

University of Toronto – Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
Faculty Council Minutes
March 5, 2021, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting, Blackboard Collaborate
Link: <https://ca.bbcollab.com/guest/c9a0d04d12f04e2f864feec39bce096d>

Present: Margaret MacNeill (Chair), Adam Ali, Beth Ali, Caitlin Alvares, Natalie Alvares, Catherine Amara, Michael Atkinson, April Bayona, Robert Bentley, Barb Brophy, Joyce Chen, Simon Darnell, Kristine Drakich, Tracia Finlay-Watson, David Frost, Caroline Fusco, Carl Georgevski, Jenna Gillen, Jack Goodman, Paul Handley, Michael Hutchison, Ira Jacobs, Marius Locke, Hassaan Mahmood, Lynda Mainwaring, Jill Mallon, Wendy Pais, Shalyn Pilgrim, Catherine Sabiston, Boba Samuels, Stephanie Sarker, Jessica Selvaratnam, Grant Shantz, Luc Simard, Ashley Stirling, Tim Taha, Katherine Tamminen, Scott Thomas, Tiffany Tiu, Luc Tremblay, Linda Trinh, Madison Vani, Tim Welsh

Guests: Natalie Agro, Robin Waley, Jim Webster

Secretariat: Carolyn Laidlaw

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m., and a land acknowledgement was made by Chair MacNeill.
- 2. Approval of Agenda**

Dean Jacobs proposed a friendly amendment to the agenda, to add a motion to review and approve a new award to the Awards Committee Report. The motion to accept this friendly amendment was carried.
(**Motion:** Jacobs/Ali, B.)
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 22, 2021 meeting were accepted and approved. (**Motion:** Amara/Stirling)
- 4. Committee Reports**
 - a. Executive Committee**

Dean Jacobs reported that the Executive Committee met on February 12 and recommended to the Chair that the proposed agenda for today's meeting be endorsed. The committee did not have a chance to review the Award Committee's newly added motion, as it only became known yesterday, but as it is urgent and time sensitive Dean Jacobs recommended to the Chair that the motion be added to the agenda.
 - b. Undergraduate Examinations** – no report
 - c. Curriculum Committee**

Professor Amara reported that the committee spent the bulk of their previous meeting continuing to work on the *Task Force on Race and Indigeneity* recommendation to develop and integrate a required undergraduate course focused on indigenous histories, colonial history, equity, racialization and racism in the context of sport and physical activity. After consultation with faculty members in Physical Cultural Studies, the committee further detailed compulsory topics for this course, including health, residential schools, intersectionality and policies that pertain to Indigenous communities. The committee also discussed various options for where and how to add this new course to the KPE curriculum, which currently consists of 10.0 required full course equivalents (FCE) and 10.0 elective FCE. It was decided to reduce the minimum requirement for out of division electives by 0.5 credit (from 2.0 to 1.5 FCE), to maintain KPE elective options. This allows students to take the maximum number of out-of-division courses (6.0 FCE) if they wish. The new course is planned to take place in Year 2, and further discussion is needed to consider how this will fit in the current schedule. Discussions on this will continue throughout the term.

Professor Fusco expressed her support for the new course to bring this information to students in second year to prepare them for the in-depth work in upper year courses.

Professor Welsh asked for clarification on whether a dedicated course was needed, or if the information could be spread out across multiple courses. Professor Amara replied that it was determined there was enough information to be covered that warranted a new course. There were separate recommendations from the *Task Force on Race and Indigeneity*, one to create a new compulsory course, and another to increase anti oppressive and anti-racist pedagogies across our courses.

Professor Stirling also provided support for this proposed curriculum change.

d. Undergraduate Admissions

Professor Taha reported that 2,064 applications have been received this year, which is about 30 more than were received last year. The major change was that there were about 30% more foreign applicants, and drops in Ontario high school and other domestic applicants (between 2-5% fewer each). There has also been an increase in applications from First Nations, Metis and Inuit students, with 16 applications received. Around 450 applicants have been offered admission so far, four of which are from the First Nations, Metis and Inuit students. The admission process is continuing.

e. Graduate Committee

Professor Atkinson reported that at the last meeting, the committee discussed the finalization of the list of MSc candidate offers. He then turned the report over to Professor Frost, to present the motion related to the Master of Professional Kinesiology program. Professor Frost provided an overview of the proposed changes, and then put forward the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried. Professor Frost thanked Professors Stirling and Atkinson for their support.

Motion: To approve the MPK major modification proposal. (Frost/Jacobs; Carried)

f. Research Committee

Professor Tremblay reported that at their last meeting the committee reviewed two Extra-Departmental Unit (EDU) proposal documents, both of which were provided with feedback as well as support in principle by the Research Committee. One proposal document was from Professor Hutchison regarding the creation of a new EDU-D, for an interdisciplinary centre for functional assessments and interventions promoting physical and psychological well-being following concussion. The other proposal document was from Professor Darnell, for a revision of the current Centre for Sport Policy Studies that aims to strengthen, extend and leverage partnerships with key colleagues and academic units across the University of Toronto, including the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, the Centre for Critical Development Studies, and the School of Cities Initiative, in addition to incorporating the academic rationale of equitable, accessible and sustainable Sport for Development that the Centre already provides. Professor Tremblay welcomed comments and feedback on the proposals, to be submitted to him by March 26, 2021.

Dean Jacobs reminded Council that a key part of establishing an EDU is decanal support from the supporting division, before it is put forward for governance approvals. More information required to clarify why an EDU is needed, as well as endorsement and commitment from other divisions' members, that should be gathering before bringing an EDU forward to Faculty Council.

Finally, Professor Tremblay reminded the student members of Council that the Research Committee is accepting submissions for undergraduate summer research opportunities until noon on March 9.

g. Council of Athletics and Recreation – no report

h. Equity Committee

Professor Ali thanked all who took the time to provide feedback on the first draft of the *Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement*. The KPE Equity Committee is awaiting a response from the central EDI Committee regarding the statement, and it is hoped that the statement can be brought forward at the next Faculty Council meeting. The committee is also working on the Equity and Diversity webpage, and are hoping to launch it this spring. Dean Jacobs thanked committee for all their work.

i. Awards Committee

Natalie Agro presented a motion to approve a new award: *KPE COVID-19 Program Completion Award*, which is a time sensitive award that has been endorsed by the Dean and the Awards committee.
(**Motion:** Agro/Amara; Carried)

j. Restricted Funds Committee – no report

k. Sponsorship Committee – no report

5. EDU Reports

a. Centre for Sport Policy Studies

Professor Darnell reported on behalf of Professor Donnelly, and thanked the Communications team for their recent story regarding the policy toolkit that was developed to help Commonwealth countries to make informed sport decisions in response to COVID-19.

A paper titled *Race and Sport in Canada*, originally published in 1970, was republished in February 2021 by the Centre in acknowledgment of Black History month. This republication includes a forward from Professor Donnelly and Professor Joseph.

b. Centre for Motor Control

Professor Welsh reported that the lecture series is going well, with the next event planned for April 21, Dr. Matthew Heath from the University of Western Ontario.

The annual research symposium will be held on May 6, hosted by the University of Toronto virtually using BBCollaborate.

There will be a workshop hosted by the Centre on mixed effects modelling taking place from June 21-25, 2021. The workshop is being co-organized with Professor Michael Cinelli (Wilfred Laurier University), and will be delivered by Professor Keith Lohse (University of Utah).

c. Mental Health and Physical Activity Research Centre

Professor Sabiston reported that the MPARC student advisory has been busy advancing social media presence, highlighting the different core labs, and identifying recent publications. The advisory committee is meeting at the end of the month to discuss strategies for engagement, connectedness, and outreach within MPARC. MoveU.HappyU programming continues with 54 students training virtually.

6. Dean's Reports

a. Dean

Dean Jacobs noted that this time of year has a high intensity work load for students, staff and faculty, and expressed pride in staff and students for their resilience and hard work during this difficult year. He congratulated all of KPE and the University of Toronto for ranking 5th globally in the QS World University Ranking System in sports related disciplines. This ranking is important for us, both within the University and with regards to recruitment of both faculty and students.

The transition meetings for the next dean, Professor Kerr, have begun. The Workload Policy Review Committee, for academic appointments, has also begun to meet. A memo about the annual activity reports for faculty members will be sent out shortly to faculty members, that includes the template report form. This is required for all who hold tenure or teaching stream appointments, and the reports are due April 30. The Progress Through the Ranks (PTR) Review Committee will begin reading these reports immediately after the deadline.

Dean Jacobs was the co-host of the R. Tait McKenzie Society lecture this past week, which is a society that honours undergraduate students who have the top 10% GPA in each year of the program. The speaker was Professor Adam Ali, who was also an inductee into this society as a student. The event was held in an online format, which allowed access to attend to variety of attendees and alumni.

b. Vice Dean, Academic

Professor Stirling reported that the KPE Summer term timetable and registration guide are now posted on our website, and registration for Summer 2021 term KPE courses opens on April 13, 2021 at 6 a.m. EST. Academic planning is underway for next year, following the updates on vaccinations, variants and associate public health guidelines.

Upcoming events:

- *Bertha Rosenstadt National Undergraduate Research Conference* is taking place on March 26th, registration is currently open. The keynote speaker is Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot, University of Toronto – ‘To Do No Harm: Working together towards understanding the needs of Indigenous communities’
- Ongoing KINections events and weekly academic success workshops and study hubs --- attendance and feedback has been positive.

Professor Stirling reported that on March 1st an Equity Engagement and Student Advisor was added to the Registrar’s Office as a new student support position, which aligns with the Faculty’s commitment to student service and support.

c. Associate Dean, Research

Professor Tremblay reported that activities are continuing and intensifying with the Research Restart Steering Committee. Notably, activities are ramping up for the resumption of research ethics protocol reviews for studies involving face-to-face interactions with human participants. Discussions regarding the various ramifications of today’s expected announcement by the Ontario Government regarding the Toronto Public Health Unit moving back into the “Grey Zone” will be taking place soon. In the meantime, please remember and respect all of the health and safety procedures as per the Research Recovery & Adaptation framework and approvals in place.

d. Executive Director, Athletics & Physical Activity

Beth Ali reported that the Sport and Recreation budget was passed unanimously by all student governments at the Council on Student Services (COSS), and also at the University Affairs Board (UAB). The budget is ready to be implemented as of May 1. The recreation staff are preparing for spring and summer with plans for the grey/red zones, and are taking a measured approach to re-opening service and bringing back all staff members.

There will be a discussion coming with regards to student ancillary fees for the Spring and Summer terms, if they will continue to be reduced or if they will return to the full amount.

Finally, the University will be announcing that they are going to reinstate the 30% contribution towards the salary costs for all work-study positions beginning in the Spring/Summer, as well as for the Fall/Winter terms.

e. Chief Administrative Officer

Paul Handley provided a report on the ongoing capital projects. The Goldring lab re-design is progressing, with schematic designs completed, and moving towards design development. This will be presented to the University Space Allocation Committee soon for approval. The Benson Pool Gallery conversion project is currently underway. The academic wood tower project is progressing, with the first design of the floors received for review.

7. Student Government's Reports

a. KPEUA

Natalie Alvares reported that the KPEUA elections are underway, with voting closing March 5. Graduate pictures will be taking place off campus March 8-12, and the annual PHE-4-All event is taking place online with 57 students registered.

b. KPEGS

Madison Vani reported several updates on the upcoming *Bodies of Knowledge Conference*. The conference will take place May 20-21, 2021, and registration is free. There are two calls out for abstracts, both of which close Friday March 26 at midnight. One is an open call for abstracts on any topic, the other specifically looking for topics on the subject of anti-racism and equity, diversity and inclusion, which will be the theme of the conference.

The conference will also include a roundtable discussion on the topic of anti-racism and pedagogy, and they would like to showcase representation from across all streams. Currently, more representation is needed from the behavioural and biophysical areas, please reach out to Gabriela Estrada (gabriela.estrada@utoronto.ca) if interested.

8. Announcement: The next Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for Friday April 9, from 12-2 p.m.

9. Adjournment: The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:18 p.m. and was carried.
(**Motion:** Tremblay/Amara)