

Faculty Council

December 19, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

Attending:

Brenda Merritt, Dean, Chair

Niki Kiepek, Occupational Therapy

Catherine Gunn, Director Representative, Health Sciences

Laurene Rehman, Director Representative, Health and Human Performance

Jamie Eliasson, Health Sciences

Janet Pothier, Social Work

Jeanna Parsons-Leigh, Health Administration

Keisha Jefferies, Nursing

Kim Sponagle, Pharmacy

Laurene Rehman, Director Representative, Health and Human Performance

Marion Brown, Associate Dean Academic

Rebecca Affoo, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Karen Gallant, Alternate Representative, Health and Human Performance

Rebecca Affoo, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Adria Quigley, Physiotherapy

Jodi Langley, Student Representative, Non-ETP (PhD Health)

Cheryl Brown, Faculty Administrative Support, Dean's Office

MEETING MINUTES

DECISION

1. **Agenda:** No additions to the agenda were put forward.
MOTION: That the agenda for the December 19, 2024, meeting of Faculty Council be accepted as presented.
Moved: Marion Brown, **Seconded:** Jamie Eliasson; Motion carried.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

Minutes from the November meeting of Faculty Council were accepted as presented.

3. **Other Decisions:**

- 3.1 **Academic Review Committee Report for December:** (Jamie Eliasson)

- 3.1.1 **School of Occupational Therapy – Suspend admission to MScOS program for Fall 2025 and Fall 2026**

The School of Occupational Therapy submitted a proposal to suspend new admissions for Fall 2025 and Fall 2026.

The objective of the proposal is to suspend the Master of Occupational Science for two years, given the impact of fiscal constraints faced by Dalhousie University and uncertainty related to the distribution and access to resources, including teaching personnel.

It was moved: To recommend approval to Faculty Council to suspend new admissions for Fall 2025 and Fall 2026.

(Terrence Lewis/ Kate Grosweiner) All in favour MOTION CARRIED

Faculty Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Academic Review Committee.

3.1.2 School of Social Work - Accept 60 Credit Hours of transfer credits from NSCC for BSW campus applicants

The School of Social Work submitted a proposal to support accepting 60 Credit Hours of transfer credits from NSCC for BSW campus applicants.

This proposal is in recognition of robust and equivalent programming at NSCC and to support increased enrollment in the BSW program on campus.

It was moved: To recommend approval to Faculty Council to support accepting 60 Credit Hours of transfer credits from NSCC for BSW campus applicants.

(Heidi Lauckner/ Kelly Lackie) All in favour MOTION CARRIED

Faculty Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Academic Review Committee.

3.1.3 School of Social Work – New Mi’kmaw MSW Degree – Step 1: Concept Paper for New Degree

The School of Social Work submitted a proposal to support the development of the Mi’kmaw Master of Social Work (MSW) program.

The purpose of this program is to cultivate a profound understanding of Mi’kmaq identity among graduates by fostering a deep relationship with their ways of seeing, being, knowing and doing/ becoming. This program recognizes the significance of place in shaping identity and the importance of ceremony as a sacred practice essential to reawakening Mi’kmaw principles and practices.

It was moved: To recommend approval to Faculty Council to support the development of the Mi’kmaw Master of Social Work (MSW) program.

(Kelly Lackie / Terrence Lewis) All in favour MOTION CARRIED

Faculty Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Academic Review Committee.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was accepted from Marion Brown at 10:27 a.m.