

FACULTY COUNCIL

May 22, 2025 – *Approved by Faculty Council June 26, 2025*

Via Microsoft Teams

Attending:

Brenda Merritt, Dean, Chair

Niki Kiepek, School of Occupational Therapy

Scott Kehler, School of Physiotherapy

Rebecca Affoo, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Jamie Eliasson, School of Health Sciences

Catherine Gunn, Director, School of Health Sciences

Heidi Framp, College of Pharmacy

Jeanna Parsons Leigh, School of Health Administration

Daniel Rainham, Interim Associate Dean Research

Laurene Rehman, Director, School of Health and Human Performance

Marion Brown, Associate Dean Academic

Matthew Numer, School of Health and Human Performance

Regrets:

Janet Pothier, School of Social Work

MEETING MINUTES

DECISION

1. Agenda:

There were no additions or changes to the agenda

Approved.

2. Consent Agenda:

There were no additions or changes to the minutes from the April meeting of Faculty Council. Approved by consent.

3. Other Decision Items:

3.1 Academic Review Committee Report for May 2025:

School of Social Work – Submitted a Proposal for a new program: Master of Social Work – L'Nuey

program

The School of Social Work submit a proposal for a new Master of Social Work (MSW) - L'Nuey. This proposal reflects the School's commitment to advancing Indigenous-focused social work education and responds to ongoing calls for decolonizing, anti-racist, and community-based approaches in the field.

The development of this new degree has been guided by Indigenous faculty, Elders, Knowledge Holders, community partners, and alumni.

The MSW – L'Nuey centres Indigenous knowledges, methodologies, and community engagement. Courses are designed to provide students with critical understandings of Indigenous worldviews, histories of colonization, culturally grounded approaches to social work practice, and Indigenous governance, policy, and healing practices.

A key feature of the MSW-L'Nuey is its delivery model. Courses will be offered in various formats, including intensive weekend and evening sessions, to support accessibility for Indigenous students, community members, and working professionals. The proposal maintains the overall program credit requirements and field placement expectations.

It was moved: To recommend approval to Faculty Council for the new Master of Social Work – L'Nuey

(Terrence Lewis / Jamie Eliasson) All in favour MOTION CARRIED

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

DISCUSSION

4. Holistic Review of Teaching (Marion Brown)

As presented to Faculty Council last month, the proposed HRT document was not passed by Senate; a number of key points were provided that still needed work. Marion provided a powerpoint of these points in order to discuss what changes are needed. She asked Faculty Council members to take this back to the units for discussion. It's unclear at this point whether or not changes can be made in time for a vote at the June Faculty Council meeting. It was noted that, beyond the document itself, some Senate requirements cannot be met without DFA adoption.

Move to Adjourn: 10:16 a.m. (Marion Brown)

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