DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Annual Report: Faculty Council, 2025–2026

Faculty Council provides governance for academic affairs within the Faculty of Medicine and plays a key role in the development and oversight of academic policy and academic programs.

Faculty Council reports to faculty within the Faculty of Medicine, the Dean of Medicine—who holds accountability for program delivery and administration—and the University Senate.

During the 2025–2026 academic year, Faculty Council met on a monthly basis. Faculty Council is composed of twelve elected faculty members, with no fewer than four representatives from each of the Basic Science and Clinical departments, and two faculty members from New Brunswick.

The work of Faculty Council is supported through the administrative support provided by Megan Dixon.

Faculty Council is grateful to the following colleagues for their time, expertise, and contributions throughout the year: Dean David Anderson, Dr. S. Burm, Dr. Y. El Hiani, M. Hamilton, Dr. M. Langille, S. LeBlanc, K. Libbus, Dr. K. Magee, Dr. P. Marignani, Dr. J. Marshall, Dr. B. McGrath, Dr. S. McMullen, Dr. S. Miller, Dr. T. O'Donnell, Dr. S. O'Hearn, Dr. O. Olatunde, Dr. A. Omole, and Dr. M. Walsh.

Summary of Activities

Over the past academic year, Faculty Council reviewed, discussed, and approved a wide range of academic and governance matters, including:

- Approval of **Med 3 year-end promotions**
- Approval of the **Med 4 graduation list**
- Approval of the inaugural **MPAS graduation list**
- Review and endorsement of the creation of the **Division of Public Health and Preventive Medicine**
- Review and approval of the **Standard for the Relationship between the Faculty of Medicine and Health-Related Industries and Other Organizations**
- Review and approval of the **Valuing Community Guidelines**
- Review and approval of the **Faculty of Medicine Criteria and Guidelines for Promotion for PhD Faculty**
- Review and approval of **progress reports**, including:
    - Critical Care
    - Emergency Medicine
    - Radiology
    - Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

- Review and approval of **survey reports**, including:
    - Microbiology & Immunology
    - Biomedical Engineering
- Review and approval of **standing committee annual reports**, including:
    - Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) Program Committee
    - Progress Committee
    - Health Sciences Library Committee
    - Global Engagement Committee
    - Professional Affairs Committee
    - Faculty Appeals Committee
    - Admissions Committee
    - Research Advisory Committee
    - Undergraduate Medical Education Committee
    - Social Accountability Committee
    - Postgraduate Medical Education Committee
    - Scholarships and Awards Committee
    - CPDME Advisory Committee
- Review and approval of **new or revised committee Terms of Reference**, including:
    - Faculty of Medicine Admissions Review Committee
    - Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum Committee
    - Professional Affairs Committee
    - Postgraduate Medical Education Committee
    - MPAS Program Committee
        - Physician Assistant Studies Progress Subcommittee Terms of Reference
        - Physician Assistant Studies Admissions Subcommittee Terms of Reference
        - Physician Assistant Studies Education Subcommittee Terms of Reference
- Review and approval of **new or revised policies and guidelines**, including:
    - Master of Physician Assistant Studies Indigenous Equity Policy
    - Retirement of the PGME/UGME Harassment Policy
    - Pre-Clerkship Attendance and Absence Policy

- Clerkship Attendance and Absence Policy
- Indigenous Admissions Pathway Process Document and Terms of Reference
- Black Learners Admissions Pathway Process Document and Terms of Reference
- Rural Applicant Pathway Process Document

The Annual Faculty Meeting of the Faculty of Medicine is scheduled for June 2, 2026, and will be held in a hybrid format. During this meeting, faculty awards will be presented, and faculty members who have received promotions during the year will be formally recognized.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Simon Jackson
Chair, Faculty Council