

Annual Report: Faculty Council, 2023-2024

Faculty Council provides governance for academic affairs in the Faculty of Medicine and is involved with the formulation of academic policy as well as academic development.

Faculty Council reports to faculty within the Faculty of Medicine, the Dean of Medicine (with whom lies accountability for program delivery and administration to the Faculty of Medicine), and the University Senate.

Faculty Council met on a monthly basis this past academic year. It is comprised of twelve faculty members, with no fewer than four members each from the Basic Science and Clinical departments and two faculty members from New Brunswick.

The functioning of Faculty Council was made possible through the administrative support provided by Shane LeBlanc and Megan Dixon.

Faculty Council is grateful to the following colleagues who have been so generous with their time and contributions over this past year to Faculty Council: Dean D. Anderson, Dr. V. Allen, Dr. S. Burm, Dr. X. Dong, Dr. D. Dutton, Dr. Y. El Hiani, Dr. B. Ells, Dr. M. Godlewski, S. Hall, Dr. M. Langille, Dr. J. Marshall, Dr. L. McDonald, Dr. O. Olatunde, Dr. K. Orrell, L. Penny, Dr. A. Rudnick, K. Trotman, and, Dr. D. White.

Over the past year, its activities included the following:

- Approval of Med 3 Year-End promotions.
- Approval of the Med 4 graduation list
- Reviewed and approval of the Academic Health Institutions Declaration on Planetary Health.
- Reviewed and approval of the request to dissolve the Professionalism Committee.
- Reviewed and approved modifications to the Indigenous Admissions Pathway.
- Reviewed and approved modifications to the Black Learners Admissions Pathway.
- Reviewed and approval of the DMNS-CBMC Rural Applicant Pathway.
- Review and approval of **Survey and Progress Reports**: Surgery Progress Report, Critical Care Survey Report, Ophthalmology Survey Report, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Progress Report, Pathology Progress Report, Bioethics Progress Report, and Radiology Survey Report.
- Review and approval of **Standing Committee Reports**: Research Advisory Committee,

Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum Committee, Admissions Committee, Faculty Appeals Committee, Social Accountability Committee, Scholarships and Awards Committee, and Progress Committee.

- Review and approval of **Terms of Reference** / revised **Terms of Reference** for Committees: Global Engagement Committee, Office of Professional Affairs, Advisory Committee, Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) Program Committee, Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum Committee, UGME Exam Review Terms of Reference, UGME Interprofessional Education Committee, UGME Procedural Skills Working Group, and UGME Ultrasound Working Group.
- Reviewing and approving **policies/guidelines**: Revisions to the Undergraduate Medical Education Progress, Promotion, and Appeal Regulations, the Office of Professional Affairs Learner Mistreatment Policy, Policy for Physician Assistant Students with a Communicable Infection, MPAS Progress, Promotion and Appeal Regulations, MPAS Pre-information Policy, MPAS Breaches of Professionalism Policy, MPAS Policy on Exposure to Infectious or Environmental Hazards, UGME Independence of Student Care Policy, UGME Policy of Exposure to Environmental Hazards, UGME Pre-Clerkship Time Spent in Educational Activities Policy, UGME Pre-clerkship Attendance and Absence Policy, and UGME Regulations for Immunizations.
- Review and approval of the Survey & Search Guidelines for Basic Science Departments.
- Review and approval of the MSc and PhD program in Human Genetics and Genomics Concept Paper to move forward to the next step in the approval process.
- Review and approved the Cape Breton Medical Campus MPHEC Proposal to move forward to the next step in the approval process.

The date of the Faculty of Medicine's Annual Faculty Meeting is May 28, 2024, and will take place in-person and virtually. At this meeting, awards will be announced to faculty and recognition bestowed upon those receiving promotion this year.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Simon Jackson, Chair