

FACULTY COUNCIL

March 28, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

Attending:

Brenda Merritt, Dean, Chair

Kelly Lackie, School of Nursing

Laurene Rehman, School of Health and Human Performance

Marion Brown, Associate Dean Academic

Jamie Eliasson, School of Health Sciences

Melissa Helwig, Health Sciences Librarian

Matthew Numer, School of Health and Human Performance

Rebecca Moyer, School of Physiotherapy

Heidi Framp, College of Pharmacy

Catherine Gunn, School of Health Sciences

Shaun Boe, Associate Dean Research

Rebecca Affoo, School of Communication Science and Disorders

Guest: Melissa Rothfus, Scholarly Communications Librarian, Health Sciences Library

MEETING MINUTES

Guest Presentation from Melissa Rothfus – Scholarly Communications Librarian:

“Free or Discounted Open Access Publication Options Through Dalhousie Libraries”

A copy of the slides for this presentation is available in the Teams site for Faculty Council; link provided:

<https://dalu.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/teams/FacultyCouncil823/Shared%20Documents/General/Meeting%20Materials/2024/March%2028,%202024?csf=1&web=1&e=FNDfsf>

DECISION

1. Approval of agenda:

Marion Brown asked for an item to be added under Discussion regarding ideas for future speakers for Faculty Council.

MOTION: That the agenda for the March 28, 2024, meeting of the Faculty of Health Faculty Council be approved as amended.

Moved: Kelly Lackie, Seconded: Marion Brown; Motion carried.

2. Consent Agenda:

Minutes from November 30, 2023, meeting of the Faculty of Health Faculty Council are approved as presented.

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3. **Academic Review Committee Recommendation – March (Jamie Eliasson)**

3.1 School of Health Administration – Proposed one-year suspension of the Graduate Certificate in Health Law for Non-Lawyers

The School of Health Administration submitted a proposal to suspend the Graduate Certificate in Health Law for Non-Lawyers for one year, considering the significant decline in applications from the last academic year. This suspension will allow the School to review the certificate and revise the curriculum.

It was moved: To approve the proposal one-year suspension of the Graduate Certificate in Health Law for Non-Lawyers.

(Jamie Eliasson/Sheri Price) All in favour MOTION CARRIED

Faculty of Health Faculty Council agreed with the Academic Review Committee decision. Carried.

3.2 School of Health Administration – Proposed amendment to the application deadline for Master of Health Administration program

The School of Health Administration submitted a proposal to amend the application deadline for Master of Health Administration from April 1 (International Students) and June 1 (Domestic students) to January 31 for all students (International and Domestic) effective for the 2025/26 program intake.

Recommended by the Registrar’s Office, the objective of this proposal is to provide an application process and response time for prospective students that allow for sufficient processing time for student visas (if applicable) as well as time to secure housing for domestic and/or international students.

It was moved: To approve the proposal to amend the application deadline for Master of Health Administration from April 1st (international Students) and June 1 (Domestic students) to January 31st for all students (International and Domestic) effective for the 2025/6 program intake.

(Sheri Price/Heidi Lauckner) All in favour MOTION CARRIED

Faculty of Health Faculty Council agreed with the Academic Review Committee decision. Carried.

3.3 School of Occupational Therapy – Proposed revision to the course description and course objectives of OCCU 6513: Putting Knowledge to Use

The School of Occupational Therapy submitted a proposal to revise the course description and course objectives of OCCU 6513: Putting Knowledge to Use.

The objective of the proposal is to better align with where students are in this program when they take this course (still writing their thesis so developing a knowledge translation plan is more realistic than creating a portfolio) and to clearly differentiate this course from the capstone course (OCCU 6514) that was recently revised and approved by ARC. The wording of the course description and objectives was updated to be more inclusive of the diverse backgrounds of students in the program and to allow greater flexibility in topics.

It was moved: To approve the proposal to revise the course description and course objectives of OCCU 6513: Putting Knowledge to Use.

(Jamie Eliasson/ Sheri Price) All in favour MOTION CARRIED

Faculty of Health Faculty Council agreed with the Academic Review Committee decision. Carried.

4. **Senate Seat – Candidate Selection**

Two names were provided to Faculty Council members for consideration for the last open Faculty of Health Seat on Senate. Members are asked to email their choice to Cheryl Brown (Cheryl.brown@dal.ca) as soon as possible. She will tally the results and inform Faculty Council, Senate and the candidates.

DISCUSSION

5. **Updates from the Dean:**

CHEB 4/5 Renovations: Brenda Merritt and Shaun Boe updated Faculty Council on the progress of the CHEB 4/5 floor renovation plans. Tenders will be going out immediately for the renovations on the 5th floor.

Operating Grant Announcement from Provincial government: The operating grant from the province has been curtailed and performance metrics have been added. 10% of the operating grant will be held back, requiring confirmation of a specific number of seats to be filled each year. For Health, this means entry-to-practice seats; we will be tracking first year and progression into second. The funds will be held back until we hit benchmarks, then it will be released. Faculty Council are asked to engage with unit Directors to discuss attraction of students as well as retention. There was a suggestion that recruitment in the high schools be targeted by individuals who are in the entry-to-practice professions. Various options of how to increase enrollment are being explored.

Provincial priorities: Brenda Merritt shared that the Province has outlined its priorities going forward; several representatives from Dalhousie were present at the meeting. The Associate Deans and Dean are working with units to determine where our research and teaching overlap the priorities.

6. Future Speakers for Faculty Council Meetings (Marion Brown)

Several times in the past months, Faculty Council meetings have been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items or decisions to be made.

Marion Brown suggested that a list of potential speakers on timely topics be developed in order to provide information to Council members and take advantage of the time available.

Marion will develop the list and provide it to the Dean for consideration.

Motion to Adjourn: Marion Brown