

Faculty Council

April 25, 2023

Microsoft Teams

Attending:

Brenda Merritt, Dean, Chair

Catherine Gunn, Director Representative, School of Health Sciences

Heidi Framp, College of Pharmacy

Jamie Eliasson, School of Health Sciences

Jeanna Parsons Leigh, School of Health Administration

Kelly Lackie, School of Nursing

Laurene Rehman, Director Representative, School of Health and Human Performance

Marion Brown, Associate Dean Academic

Matthew Numer, School of Health and Human Performance

Niki Kiepek, School of Occupational Therapy

Rebecca Affoo, School of Communication Science and Disorders

Rebecca Moyer, School of Physiotherapy

Shaun Boe, Associate Dean Research

Tania Tanwi, Non-ETP Student Representative (PhD Health)

Cheryl Brown, Administrative Support, Dean's Office

Regrets:

Janet Pothier, School of Social Work

MEETING MINUTES

DECISION

1. Approval of Agenda:

Move Holistic Review of Teaching from **Decision** to **Discussion**.

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve the agenda for the April 25, 2024, meeting as revised.

Moved: Marion Brown

Seconded: Heidi Framp

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Consent Agenda:

Minutes from Faculty Council Meeting, March 28, 2024, were approved by consent.

3. Other Decision Items:

3.1. **Academic Review Committee Recommendations for April 2024** (Jamie Eliasson)

3.1.1. College of Pharmacy – Proposed course (PHARM 5002) for inclusion within the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

The College of Pharmacy resubmitted a proposal addressing ARC feedback and questions regarding the proposal for a new course, PHARM 5002, “Design, Implementation and Evaluation of Healthcare Intervention”. The College of Pharmacy has expanded its faculty in recent years and is building its capacity for research at the graduate level, consistent with the College of Pharmacy and Faculty of Health strategic plans.

It was moved: To recommend to Faculty Council approval of the proposed course PHARM 5002 for inclusion within the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

(Heidi Lauckner/Terrance Lewis) All in favour. MOTION CARRIED

Faculty Council voted to accept the recommendation.

3.1.2. College of Pharmacy – Proposed course (PHARM 6218) for inclusion within the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

The College of Pharmacy resubmitted a proposal addressing ARC feedback and questions regarding the proposal for a new course, PHARM 6218, “Polymer Engineered Drug Delivery Systems”. This is a course aligned with the particular research expertise among new faculty at the College. In order to facilitate student capacity and grow in directions congruent with new faculty expertise, this course was developed.

It was moved: To recommend to Faculty Council approval of the proposed course, PHARM 6218, for inclusion within the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

(Michel Ladouceur/Terrance Lewis) 4 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. MOTION CARRIED.

Faculty Council voted to accept the recommendation.

3.1.3. School of Health and Human Performance – Proposed new graduate elective course in the MScKINE program: “Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology”

The School of Health and Human Performance submitted a proposal for a new graduate elective course in the MScKINE program: “Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology.” The objective of the proposal is to fill the current gap in the course availability for the psycho-social aspects of kinesiology in the program.

It was moved: To approve the proposal to a new graduate elective course in the MScKINE program: “Sport, Exercise and Performance Psychology.”

(Heidi Lauckner/Michel Ladouceur) 5 in favour, 1 against. MOTION CARRIED.

Faculty Council voted to accept the recommendation.

3.1.4. School of Health and Human Performance – Proposed major program modification for MA in Health Promotion.

The School of Health and Human Performance submitted a proposal for major program modification for MA in Health Promotion. The purpose of the proposed change is to follow the evolution of the discipline and align with comparable programs across Canada and to

recognize the interdisciplinary field, allowing for a more diverse group of prospective undergraduate applicants from within Dalhousie University, as well as across Canada and internationally. Highlighted changes include:

- Admission requirement: removal of required completion of an intro stats course to communicate that this is not a priority over other aspects of general undergraduate education
- Total number of credit hours from 24 to 18
- Change course selection options and flow to better guide thesis proposal development.

It was moved: To approve the proposal to major program modification for MA in Health Promotion.

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

Faculty Council voted to accept the recommendation.

3.2. Practice Education Committee Terms of Reference Update (Jonathan Harris)

Jonathan provided an overview of the changes proposed to the terms of reference for the Practice Education Committee and answered questions. Minor revisions were suggested:

- remove specific strategic plan designations regarding Assistant Deans
- question around representation on the committee, i.e., some schools have more than one member, and what effect that has on decision-making
- suggestion that information be included on how consensus can be achieved when there are multiple members from units and the decision being made is about that unit – look at proportional representation when it comes to decisions?

These will be reviewed, and changes incorporated, and the document will be finalized and brought back to Faculty Council for approval at another meeting.

3.3 Student Appeals Documentation Changes (Marion Brown)

Changes are being made to the student appeals documentation and procedures to simplify the process. This review was done with the assistance of Isabelle French in Dalhousie's legal department. Marion also noted that there is now a separate email for appeals, rather than using the academic integrity email. Marion outlined the changes; the revised documents are available under this date (April 25, 2024) in the Teams site for Faculty Council. The web site has also been updated with the changes and to make the process clearer for students. Marion will send the documentation to all unit Directors with the request that they be distributed.

MOTION: That Faculty Council approve the updates and additions to the documented student appeals process as presented.

Moved: Niki Kiepek **Seconded:** Kelly Lackie. **MOTION CARRIED. Unanimous.**

3.4 Dr. Olga Theou, Canada Research Chair, Tier II, Renewal (Shaun Boe)

An additional decision item was added to DECISIONS during the meeting by Shaun Boe, Associate Dean Research. This item relates to the renewal of the CRC Tier II of Dr. Olga Theou in Frailty and Aging. Dr. Theou is on parental leave, but there is urgency in getting the renewal done now. Dr. Merritt noted that the work being done by Dr. Theou and her team is exceptional and that there are no concerns from senior management in the University. The Research Committee for the Faculty of Health unanimously agreed to renew.

MOTION: That the Faculty of Health Research Committee recommend that Faculty Council approve, and the Faculty of Health proceed with, the renewal of Dr. Olga Theou's Tier 2 Canada Research Chair.

Faculty Council voted to accept the recommendation.

DISCUSSION

4. Holistic Review of Teaching Methods (Marion Brown)

The first version of this document came out about a year ago; some changes have been made. Through the "Growing the Garden" series, evaluation has been a theme. Faculty members feel they are more comfortable with the idea of reviewing each other's teaching than evaluating. Marion shared the original visual for the project from last year and pointed out the minor changes to the document provided in this package.

Marion asked that Council members take the document to their units and share with faculty members.

Marion will bring the item back to the June Faculty Council meeting to discuss any feedback.

5. Lifting Nova Scotia – Friday, April 26 (Brenda Merritt)

Dr. Merritt discussed some of the sessions being held tomorrow at the University's Lifting Nova Scotia event; over 300 individuals from the University have registered to participate. This event is to gather ideas from University faculty, staff and management that align with the Nova Scotia government's stated goals and plans going forward. Many of the topics are related to the work being done in the Faculty of Health.

Motion to Adjourn: Marion Brown, 11:22 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS, April 25, 2024, Meeting:

1. **Practice Education Committee** – will discuss points brought up by Faculty Council, incorporating them, or some version of them, into the terms of reference and bring the document back to Faculty Council for approval later (May).
2. Marion Brown will send the new documentation for **student appeals** to each unit, distributing it through the Directors.
3. Faculty Council members are asked to take the **Holistic Review of Teaching Methods** document to their units and share with all faculty members for discussion, feedback and engagement. Send feedback directly to Marion Brown (marion.brown@dal.ca).