

Faculty Council

April 28, 2022 – via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Minutes approved by Faculty Council on May 26, 2022

Attending:

Brenda Merritt, Dean – Chair

Patricia Cleave, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Michael Kieft, Director Representative, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Shaun Boe, Associate Dean Research

Marion Brown, Associate Dean Academic

David Persaud, School of Health Administration

Jennifer Williams, School of Health Sciences

Matthew Numer, School of Health and Human Performance

Caitlin McArthur, School of Physiotherapy

Heather Wong, Student, Non-ETP Graduate

Damilola Idye, School of Nursing

Pollen Yeung, College of Pharmacy

Melissa Helwig, Health Sciences Libraries

Raluca Bejan, School of Social Work

MEETING NOTES

DECISION

1. Approval of Agenda:

There were no items added to the agenda.

2. Consent Agenda:

No changes – minutes were approved as presented.

3. Other Items for Decision:

3.1 Academic Review Committee Approvals: (Marion Brown)

A) Physiotherapy – Modification of course PHYT 6202 – Scientific Inquiry II

This proposal was submitted by the School of Physiotherapy to modify the course PHYT 6202 to better align this course with current trends in physiotherapy practice and Standards of Accreditation.

It was moved: To recommend approval of the proposed modification of course PHYT 6202 – Scientific Inquiry II, including course description, learning objectives, and to change the course delivery mode from in person only to blended.

(Sheri Price/Heidi Lauckner) All in favour Motion carried

The motion to approve comes to Faculty Council on April 28, 2022, for vote and subsequently to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Academic Programs Curriculum Committee for approval.

B) Physiotherapy – Proposal to extend the MScPT program from 24 to 28 months

The College of Physiotherapy submitted a proposal to extend the MScPT program from 24 to 28 months. This proposal:

- includes the pausing PHYT 5500 and allotting the clinical placement hours to PHYT 6502 and 6503
 - results in alignment of the MScPT curriculum with University academic terms
- At the meeting, the Committee had two recommendations for the proponents; to determine the implications the extension of the degree will have on student loans and to add the results of consultations with clinical partners which support the extension of the program.

It was moved: To recommend approval of the proposal to extend the duration of the MScPT program from 24 to 28 months.

(Sheri Price/Terry Lewis) All in favour Motion carried

It was moved: To recommend approval to pause the offering of PHYT 5500 and reassign the clinical placement hours to PHYT 6502 and 6503.

(Michael Kieffe/Heidi Lauckner) All in favour Motion carried

The recommendations for approval come to Faculty Council on April 28, 2022 for vote and subsequently to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Academic Programs Committee for approval.

DECISIONS A) and B) were APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY FACULTY COUNCIL.

3.2 Research Excellence Awards Terms of Reference: (Shaun Boe)

Updated terms of reference were provided with changes highlighted.

From January 25, 2022 meeting (see attached):

Terms of Reference - Research Excellence Award (with attachment) (Initiative 1)
A change has been made to the eligibility criteria for the Research Excellence Award for Early Career Researchers. The change recognizes eligible breaks in research and allows for an adjustment to the eligibility window for ECRs. This aligns with Tri-Council calculations for ECR status. No change needs to be made for the Senior Career a category because there is no time eligibility requirement. This extension information will be put into the guidance for the Review Committee as well.

Motion to change the ECR eligibility.

Moved: H. Neyedli, Seconded: J. Parsons-Leigh. Motion carried.

DECISION APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY FACULTY COUNCIL.

3.3 Other Research Committee Decision Approvals: (Shaun Boe)

From March 29, 2022, meeting:

Approval to proceed with renewal of Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (Mah)

Motion (Rehman): "That research committee approve the Faculty of Health internal review recommendation that Dr. Mah's Tier 2 CRC renewal proceed to the OVPRI."

Seconded: T. Jurgens. Motion carried.

DECISION APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY FACULTY COUNCIL with friendly amendment to change “research committee” to Faculty Council, Faculty of Health.

DISCUSSION

4. Professional Development for Faculty Council Members:

Time has been made available during Faculty Council meetings owing to efficiencies within our agendas. The Dean suggested that 3-4 times per year, some of that time could be used to bring professional development sessions to Faculty Council.

- Suggestions:
 - HR Development – processes around hiring, evaluating hiring with EDI lens, tenure and promotion considerations. It was suggested that an outside service provider be secured for this session.
 - Faculty Council specific development opportunities – this will ensure that the group stays within its focus, i.e., academic governance.
 - Faculty Council direction and prioritizing (such as workload status, governance, etc.). It was noted that the workload document is nearly ready to come to Faculty Council.

5. Faculty Council Standing Committee Terms of Reference: (Brenda Merritt)

All terms of reference for standing committees are being renewed and updated; once complete, a package will be sent to Senate for approval (which is required).

A working group is being created to review the professional suitability policy/procedures for the Faculty with the view that it will go to Senate for approval.

Marion noted that the IPE/SBE terms of reference was updated and approved in the spring of 2021.

6. Faculty of Health Student Appeals Terms of Reference: (Marion Brown)

This document was provided to Faculty Council at last month’s meeting, requesting feedback from general faculty.

It was suggested that faculty members would be more comfortable volunteering if annual training is provided to give some structure to the position.

Marion asked that Faculty Council members encourage faculty to volunteer. There are still a few questions residing in Legal that will need to be resolved prior to the final update. It is hoped that the updates will be completed, and the document will come to the next Faculty Council meeting for approval.

Motion to Adjourn: Michael Kieft