

## **FACULTY COUNCIL**

June 22, 2023

Via Microsoft Teams

### **Attending:**

Brenda Merritt, Dean, Chair  
Marion Brown, Associate Dean Academic  
Shaun Boe, Associate Dean Research  
Heidi Framp, College of Pharmacy  
Niki Kiepek, School of Occupational Therapy  
Steve Aiken, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Jamie Eliasson, School of Health Sciences  
Lori Dithurbide, School of Health and Human Performance  
Kelly Lackie, School of Nursing

### **Regrets:**

Tanya Packer, Director Representative, School of Health Administration  
Michael Kiefte, Director Representative, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **1. Guest Presentation: SLEQ Questionnaire (Christian Blouin, Chair, SLEQ Committee)**

Christian Blouin addressed Faculty Council regarding the University's work in finding a vehicle through which students can express their feedback regarding coursework in a way that is valuable for them but is fair for the faculty member; in other words, the survey should center on course delivery rather than on individuals.

The presentation notes were provided and are included in the meeting materials on the Teams site for Faculty Council under this date.

Christian noted that feedback is welcome from Faculty Council members regarding the Liskert-scale questions, which were shared with the group.

The report from the committee will be submitted after a meeting with the DFA; a version of the questionnaire will be available for pilot during the Fall term 2023. Results from the pilot will be taken into consideration with hopes for a final release in the spring of 2024.

## DECISION

### 2. Approval of Agenda:

**MOTION:** That the agenda for the June 22, 2023, meeting of Faculty Council be approved as presented.

**Niki Kiepek/Kelly Lackie – Motion carried.**

### 3. Consent Agenda:

a. **The Minutes** from May 25, 2023, meeting of Faculty Council were approved by consent.

### 4. Other Decision Items:

a. Academic Review Committee Recommendations – June (Jamie Eliasson)

Jamie reviewed one item that came from the Academic Review Committee as a recommendation for approval from Faculty Council.

Information regarding the course changes is available on the Faculty Council team site under this date. The information was not, however, uploaded prior to the meeting, so it was suggested that the information be shared with Faculty Council members and then an e-vote be organized to make the final decision, if needed after discussion.

Shaun noted that the PhD in Health program is undergoing its first review by Senate.

**PhD in Health:** Proposal to approve changes to HLTH 8000: Comprehensive Examination Guidelines. The PhD Governance Council has been working on revisions to the HLTH 8000 course for the past year, with steady input from PhD students and teaching and supervising faculty both organically and as part of the Program Review self study process. The proposal includes revisions to the course description/purpose, learning outcomes, and course objectives, constitution of the committee, the preparation of the reading list, and most notably, different procedures.

**It was moved:** to recommend approval to FC to approve the proposed revisions to HLTH 8000: Comprehensive Examination Guidelines.

**Jamie Eliason/Michael Kieffe All in favour MOTION CARRIED**

Shaun noted that the changes were to implement processes that are more inclusive, in addition to other considerations. The changes were made based on feedback from students and supervisors. Language related to “remediation” should be reviewed. Marion will take this concern back to the PhD Health Governance Council.

It was agreed that those attending the meeting were willing to vote today.

**Faculty Council voted to accept the recommendation from the Academic Review Committee.**

## **DISCUSSION**

### **5. Holistic Review of Teaching Draft Procedures (Marion Brown)**

Marion has received some feedback regarding the draft procedures, which were shared with Faculty Council, Deans Executive, and other groups.

There are still many questions about how this will fit within the collective agreement. In addition, there is a desire to keep teaching unencumbered with additional “rules” and workload. Some faculty/director meetings with an added layer or two.

Marion offered to attend school council meetings in September to discuss if needed.

### **6. CRP/UDL Survey (Marion Brown)**

Inclusion and Equity committee has been developing a survey, which was launched on June 12<sup>th</sup>. A reminder will be sent out, but Faculty Council members were asked to check that faculty members were responding to the survey, which will help us to develop a baseline of what CRP and UDL is already incorporated into our programs and what we need to do next.

Marion noted that the survey is not evaluative – merely informative.

### **7. Faculty Council Governance Options (Brenda Merritt)**

Two potential governance documents were shared. The main question is what the will of Faculty Council is as to who will be responsible for chairing Faculty Council – a faculty member or the Dean?

MOTION to adjourn: Niki Kiepek