

**York University
Faculty of Health Council**

Notice of Meeting

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Via Zoom**

Agenda

- 1. Chair’s Remarks**
- 2. Business arising from the minutes**
- 3. Research Vision - Amir Asif, Vice-President Research & Innovation**
- 4. Dean’s Remarks**
- 5. Report of the Graduate Committee**
- 6. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee**
- 7. Senator’s Report**
- 8. Other Business**
 - Hortatory Motion: Fossil Fuel Divestment
 - EDI Taskforce Update

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda items are deemed to be approved or received unless, prior to the start of the meeting, one or more Council members ask that they be dealt with as regular business.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 2021

Faculty of Health meetings support our mission to provide an innovative and supportive environment for learning, discovery and engagement. To ensure our common value of diversity is fully reflected, our events, publications and meetings make every effort to be accessible to all.

2021-2022 Faculty of Health Council Meetings, 3:00pm–4:30pm:

- TBD – usually first Wednesday of the month

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Faculty of Health
FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Virtual Meeting - ZOOM
Minutes**

Attendance: S. Adam, K. Ali, M. Barranti, R. Bassett-Gunter, A. Belcastro, Y. Bohr, S. Bowerman, C. Buick, R. Ceddia, M. Chaudhry, C. Chaufan, J. Choiniere, T. Cleworth, J. Connolly, C. Da Silva, A. Daftary, T. Daly, F. Dastjerdi, A. De Lisio, J. Drake, D. Dunwoody, H. Edgell, S. Evans, O. Eyawo, V. Geer, T. George, L. Ginsburg, J. Goldberg, S. Grace, M. Hamadeh, A. Hatamnejad, L. Hayhurst, S. Hillier, H. Jenkin, E. Jensen, H. Jordan, A. Josse, C. Kurtz-Landy, L. Lum, J. MacDonnell, I. Maimets, C. Mallette, P. McDonald, G. Mochizuki, A. Moore, S. Moradian, S. Murtha, Y. Nakamura, L. Nicholson, B. Oraziotti, K. Page-Cuttrara, K. Parr, K. Pedernal, T. Penney, A. Perry, A. Phillips, M. Poirier, S. Premji, N. Prendergast, P. Rahimpoor-Marnani, H. Rassol, J. Rawana, R. Robbio, M. Rotondi, M. Ruram, J. Ruttle, E. Schraa, L. Sergio, M. Singh, R. Steele, N. Stuckless, C. van Daalen-Smith, L. van Dreumel, A.M. Viens, G. Wong, T. Xerri

Guests: W. Anderson, R. Bishop, P. Calderon-Valdivia, J. Castle, F. Clarke, C. Corson, Y. Delaviz, R. Eacho, G. Gringhuis, R. Gritsyuk, A. Hamilton, J. Hard, K. Hetherington, S. Mitchell-Hutson, A. Morgani, G. Myers, S. Pereira, A. Petro, L. Solomon, J. Sundaramoorthy, M. Verrilli, R. Wilson, N. Wilson, A. Wiscicka

1. Chair's remarks

Chair M. Singh welcomed members and explained how the meeting would be conducted online.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Dean's Remarks

Dean McDonald provided the Dean's remarks. The highlights of the report included:

- Submission of the final 2020-21 Faculty of Health IRP and the draft three-year rolling budget
- Acknowledgment of the work done by new hire search committees
- Submission of research funding proposals
- Advancement of experiential education partnerships
- Development of a Global Health course with European University collaboration; development of a PhD program proposal
- SHPM development of plans for a health informatics and management field for master's students

- Cyclical reviews prepared for both KINE and SHPM; a professional review of neuropsychology prepared for PSYC
- Major Modifications proposal prepared by School of Nursing
- Development of micro-credentials with HLLN
- Added research Chairs (CRC's, YRC's and endowed Chairs)
- Partnership developments with Mackenzie Healthcare
- Over \$4 million in new research grants
- Establishment of an EDI Task Force
- Establishment of a user group to plan the creation of human physiology and nutrition labs
- Planning and design of the Sherman Health Science extension with construction about to begin
- Continued growth of the faculty complement

Dean McDonald encouraged council members to reflect on the great accomplishments of our faculty and colleagues. He also thanked the many people involved in fall course planning. Although many courses will still require temporary online instruction, more offerings are anticipated with options for in-person instruction.

4. Curriculum Committee Report

Professor E. Jensen provided the report on behalf of the Curriculum Committee.

Professor E. Jensen motioned, seconded by Professor C. van Daalen-Smith that Council approves the following changes to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree programs, effective Fall 2022:

- Change in location of 4-year Collaborative BScN program delivery
- Change in degree requirements in the 4-year Direct Entry, 2nd Entry BScN and in the Post-RN International Educated Nurses (IEN) BScN programs

The motion carried.

There was one item for information. The Schools and Department within the Faculty of Health have reviewed and adjusted their academic regulations regarding admission, degree, and program requirements to reflect the new undergraduate grading scheme. The changes will be reported to Senate Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee for information.

5. Report of the Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards

Associate Dean J. MacDonnell presented on behalf of the Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards. She led the discussion/consultation on the Revision to the Academic Honesty Policy.

6. Report of the Executive and Planning Committee

On behalf of the Executive and Planning Committee, Professor A. Moore provided the report. There was a call for nominations for the following vacancies:

- Vice-Chair of Council
- At-large seat on the Executive and Planning Committee
- At-large seat on the Petitions Committee
- Faculty of Health Senators
- Faculty of Health Representative for the Committee on Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)
- Faculty of Health Representative for the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials

Two nominations were received for Faculty of Health Senator positions. Professors B. Meisner and A. Macpherson were acclaimed as Faculty of Health Senators.

One nomination was received for the at-large member of the Executive and Planning Committee. Professor C. van Daalen-Smith was acclaimed to the position.

The remaining positions will remain vacant until filled.

Professor A. Moore motioned seconded by Professor C. van Daalen-Smith that Council approves the proposed search committee composition and procedures for the 2021 Faculty of Health decanal search. The motion carried.

7. Senator's Report

Professor S. Grace provided the Senators report to Faculty Council. The full report is available on the Senate website. The highlights of the report include:

- 2021 Ontario Budget report release focused on pandemic recovery and the government's commitment to the investment to support health research initiatives; additional funding to increase access for mental health services; Training Tax Credit for eligible expenses
- the government expansion of OSAP to include approximately 600 micro-credential programs
- updates for campus planning for Fall 2021 and the partial return to campus in September while ensuring public health guidelines are adhered to
- acknowledgement of the challenges for students and faculty in the context of the pandemic and a recent student accommodation. The University is committed to promoting the values of respect, equity, diversity and inclusion
- acknowledgement of the York University Fossil Free Campaign advocating for divestment in fossil fuels and lowering carbon emissions
- the implementation of York Wellness Day on Friday, July 2 to provide and extended long weekend

- Senate Executive addressed the Senate consultation process pertaining to the renewal of the President's term; the launch of the search for the next Chancellor; and the on-going monitoring of the impact of the pandemic on academic activities including a decision regarding online proctoring and examinations
- ASCP approved the minor changes to the BSc programs in Global Health, Kinesiology and Health Science, Neuroscience and Psychology

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned.

2020-2021 Faculty of Health Council Meeting dates are as follows:

May 5, 2021

R. Bishop, Secretary

**Report of the
Faculty of Health Council
May 2021**

ITEM FOR ACTION:

1. School of Global Health

New Graduate Programs • School of Global Health • Faculty of Health

The Graduate Committee recommends that Council approves the following new graduate programs in the School of Global Health effective Fall 2023:

- Master's of Arts in Global Health
- Doctorate in Global Health

For added clarity, the master's of arts degree is not intended for direct entry. It is proposed for students who do not meet the competencies of the comprehensive doctoral exam, but have otherwise demonstrated the graduate-level global health learning objectives at the master's level.

Rationale:

As outlined in the full proposal, (Appendix A), the School of Global Health has proposed a world-class doctoral program that will further enhance the School's mission for training tomorrow's global health leaders and fill a national and international training gap. This unique program emphasizes opportunities for interdisciplinary training and experiences both within and outside of York University. Building on the emerging strengths of our undergraduate program, this program:

- Includes an innovative doctoral program, including four streams:
 - Academic
 - Professional
 - Joint-PhD with other institutions (cotutelle)
 - Joint-PhD within York (internal cotutelle)
- Has overwhelming support from within the Faculty of Health, other faculties at York, upper levels of administration, external reviewers, and UNITAR.
- Is particularly timely, given the unique global health challenges that are currently underway and are likely to continue in the future.

**Report of the Executive and Planning Committee
of the Faculty of Health
May 2021**

ITEMS FOR ACTION (4)

1. Land Acknowledgement

To assist York University in building respectful dialogue and in facilitating/establishing relationships with Indigenous communities, organizations and peoples, the Executive and Planning Committee recommends the adoption of the Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of Council meetings.

2. Summer Authority

The Executive and Planning Committee recommends that, until the first regular meeting of the Faculty of Health Council in Fall 2021, the Executive and Planning Committee shall possess and may exercise any or all of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in or exercisable by Council, and that the Executive and Planning Committee shall report to Council at its first regular meeting in the Fall, what action has been taken under this authority.

3. HH Decanal Search Committee – motion to approve

The Executive and Planning Committee is seeking approval of a revised search committee composition and procedures proposal for the 2021 Faculty of Health decanal search.

4. Call for Nominations

Processes to fill vacancies on Standing Committees of Council are underway in Schools/Department. Please connect with your nominating committee for more information.

The Faculty of Health Executive and Planning Committee is seeking nominations for the following vacancies:

- Vice-Chair of Council
- At-large seat on the Petitions Committee
- Faculty of Health Senator
- Faculty of Health Representative for the Committee on Academic Policy, Planning and Research (APPRC)
- Faculty of Health Representative for the Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials

a) Vice-Chair of Council

Vice-Chair of Faculty of Health Council (two-year term, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023 – first year serving as Vice-Chair, second year serving as Chair)

At the time of the writing this report, the Executive and Planning Committee of the Faculty of Health Council did not receive any nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of Council.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

b) At-large seat on Petitions Committee (1 vacancy)

One at-large seat on the Petitions Committee (two-year term of office, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023).

At the time of the writing this report, the Executive and Planning Committee of the Faculty of Health Council did not receive any nominations for the position of at large member of the Petitions Committee.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

Membership (Designated):

Associate Dean

Department of Psychology (2)

School of Health Policy & Management (2)

School of Kinesiology & Health Science (2)

School of Nursing (2)

Student Representatives (4)

'At large' Representative (2)

Continuing at-large member:

Heather Jenkin, Department of Psychology

*The two members who are elected at-large by Council shall not be from the same School/Department.

c) Faculty of Health Senator (1 vacancy)

Faculty of Health Senator (three-year term of office, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024)

Visit **University Secretariat** for more information.

At the time of the writing this report, the Executive and Planning Committee of the Faculty of Health Council received one nomination to serve as a Faculty of Health Senator:

Nominee: Lora Appel, School of Health Policy and Management

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

Membership (Designated):

Dean, Faculty of Health

Chair, Department of Psychology

Chair, School of Health Policy & Management

Chair, School of Kinesiology & Health Science

Director, School of Nursing

Director, School of Global Health

Continuing Senate members (elected):

Sherry Grace, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

Julie Conder, Department of Psychology

Mazen Hamadeh, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

Celina Da Silva, School of Nursing

Peter Jes Kohler, Department of Psychology

Cheryl van Daalen-Smith, School of Nursing

Outgoing Senate members:

Judith MacDonnell, School of Nursing

d) Faculty of Health Designated Seat on The Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (1 vacancy)

Three-year term of office, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

At the time of the writing this report, the Executive and Planning Committee of the Faculty of Health Council did not receive any nominations for the position of Faculty of Health representative on the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC).

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

For more information, please visit:

University Secretariat - APPRC

Outgoing Faculty of Health APPRC member:

Eva Peisachovich, School of Nursing

e) Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials (1 vacancy)

Three-year term of office, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024

At the time of the writing this report, the Executive and Planning Committee of the Faculty of Health Council did not receive any nominations for the position of Faculty of Health representative on the Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of Council.

For more information, please visit:

[University Secretariat - Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials](#)

Outgoing Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials member:

Chris Ardern, School of Kinesiology and Health Science

Hortatory motion: Fossil Fuel Divestment

Consistent with the mandates on sustainable development and climate action in the 2020-2025 University Academic Plan and York University's sustainability goals, the Faculty of Health Council calls on President Rhonda Lenton and the Board of Governors to divest from fossil fuels and invest in a just and climate-safe future.

Rationale

To President Rhonda Lenton and York's Board of Governors,

We are members of the York community urging you to divest from fossil fuels and invest in a just and climate-safe future.

We are alarmed by the [deep inequities](#) that have arisen from the [climate emergency](#). Therefore, we demand that the University respond to this crisis through [urgent action](#).

York University is a public trust, and you are the fiduciaries. We believe that York's assets, invested in the Endowment Fund and the Pension Fund, should be part of the solution to the climate crisis, not part of the problem.

York has made an important commitment to sustainable development and climate action in its [sustainability strategy](#) and in its new [University Academic Plan](#). However, this strategy excludes the carbon footprint of its investment portfolios. The financial holdings in the Endowment Fund (approximately [six hundred million dollars](#)) and the Pension Fund (approximately [2.8 billion dollars](#) in the last financial statement) include substantial contributions to the University's carbon footprint.

Our request is eminently realizable, as demonstrated by the fact that a number of Canadian universities have [already divested or started to divest](#) from fossil fuels.

York itself has already moved to discharge most of its fossil fuel assets from its investment funds since they represent poor investment choices. It has [commenced action](#) on the sustainability of its investment funds and has reduced exposure to fossil fuels to around 2 percent. The University needs now to play an important policy role by also publicly divesting from fossil fuels.

Divesting from fossil fuels is also essential for upholding our responsibilities to Indigenous Peoples. The [2020-2025 University Academic Plan](#) states that a "better future must be rooted in strong relationships" with Indigenous communities, and the [Indigenous Framework for York University](#) calls for a pan-university strategy to protect Indigenous lands and ways of life.

Substantive measures are now required to reach our sustainability and climate goals.

We call on York University to (1) fully divest from fossil fuels; (2) make public an

annual carbon audit of our funds; (3) incorporate the investment portfolios into our sustainability strategy; (4) enact a five-year decarbonization plan to reduce the carbon footprint of York's funds; (5) exercise its shareholder power to promote environmental, social, and governance action; and (6) promote socially responsible and low-carbon investments. (For more information, see the [open letter from the YU Fossil Free campaign](#).)

President Lenton and Governors: York has [decided](#) to embed in its distinct identity a commitment to tackle urgent issues such as inequality, racism and climate change. York must now align this identity with its financial investment decisions. This will enhance the university's reputation, making York an example for other universities.

Climate change is the dominant challenge of our generation. Generations to come will judge us by our action (or inaction) today. Finance plays a central role in the enormous and essential transition to a just and climate-safe future. The University -- including its financial investments -- is a public trust, and we are resolved that it be on the right side of history.