



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine
Minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting
4:00 p.m.
Red Room, Donnelly Centre

Members Present: B. Steipe (Acting Speaker), T. Coomber, T. Young, R. Hegele, S. Spadafora, C. Evans, G. Bandiera, D. Tweed, A. Levinson, L. Wilson, M. Connell, A. Milhailidis, M. Ware, A. Zeng, V. Gupta, R. Giroux, N. Romanosky, S. McMahon, S. Schneeweiss, S. Wagner, M. Farkouh, H. Shapiro, M. Fefergrad, L. Tate, D. Philpott

Call to Order

The Dr. Boris Steipe called the meeting to order and noted that there was a quorum. Dr. Steipe indicated that neither the Speaker nor the Deputy Speaker were available to Chair the meeting. The By-laws of Council permit any member of the Executive Committee to act as Speaker with the consent of 50% of the voting members present. Dr. Steipe put forward the following motion:

“THAT Faculty Council Executive Committee Member, Dr. Boris Steipe, convene and preside over the Faculty Council meeting of April 23, 2018.”

Moved: L. Wilson, Seconded: G. Bandiera

The motion carried.

1 Minutes of the previous meeting of Faculty Council – February 12, 2018

The minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2018 had been previously circulated. They were approved on a motion from C. Evans and seconded by R. Hegele. There was no business arising.

2 Report from the Speaker

The Acting Speaker did not have a report.

3 Reports from the Dean's Office

3.1 Dean's Report

Dean Young does not have anything to report at this time.

3.2 Vice Dean, Research & Innovation

Dr. Richard Hegele indicated that the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) project in the Medical Sciences Building would be coming to an end in one week's time. He noted that at a future Faculty Council meeting he would like to have Heather Taylor, Director of Facilities Management and Space Planning, come and provide more information on the results of the SIF project.

The microscopy and imaging lab will be receiving a new electron microscope via a successful CFI application. The current electron microscopes are past their useful life. The new machine will be able to

use the same methods for Cryo Electron Microscopy as the higher end machine currently at SickKids and will allow much of the preparatory work to be done at U of T.

The strategic planning process underway and Dr. Hegele encourages members to sign up to be a part of the process.

CIHR has yet to make an announcement on a new president but the Research and Innovation Office will make this information known when possible.

Finally, Dr. Hegele notes that the meeting was taking place on his mother's 93rd birthday and asked the record to reflect that longevity runs in his family.

Dean Young asked Dr. Hegele to mention some research metrics. The Faculty continues to progress toward a \$1 billion research operation. Dr. Hegele mentioned that it is a myth U of T publishes a lot but much of it is not good. Toronto is ranked number one in Canada in highly cited, high impact journals and has a volume higher than McGill and UBC combined. In North America, Harvard is by far number one with U of T and Johns Hopkins often trading placed for second and third. There is a lot of research produced but it is of high quality.

3.3 Vice-Dean, Partnerships

Dr. Lynn Wilson noted that the academic strategic planning process began last fall with an RFQ. There is a steering committee, with representation from faculty, staff, learners, TAHSN colleagues, donors and other stakeholders that was struck and held its first meeting in December. From January to March 2018 consultations were conducted with many existing groups as well as individual interviews with a broad range of stakeholders. There have been regular updates in MedEmail. The steering committee and the Dean's Executive Committee met in March 2018 to develop broad themes and discussed specific topics for further exploration. There are six 3-hour strategy discussions which are taking place over the next few days. The six topics are:

1. Preparing the Health Sciences Leaders of the Future
2. Strengthening Collaborative Research and Research Pathways
3. Healthy Organization/Belonging and Well ness
4. Our Focus as a Leader
5. Enabling Thriving Innovation
6. The Next Level of University/Academic and Community Health Sciences Centre Collaboration

Dean Young and Dr. Wilson participated in a trade mission to the Middle East organized by the Canadian International Health Education Association (CIHEA). The mission of CIHEA is to leverage Canada's strong brand in health care and education and to facilitate mutually beneficial international partnerships in health workforce development. The trade mission was strongly supported by Global Affairs Canada through its country-based Trade Commissioners that provided invaluable advice on the local markets and potential opportunities. The main goal was to generate new partnerships by deepening the understanding of the health care system in each country as well as their needs in health workforce development. There was a consistent theme that there was a need for enhanced education in mental health for family physicians/general practitioners. There's a significant shortage of psychiatrists, and a growing awareness of the need for mental health care in primary care. The Faculty will be looking into a possibility of adding mental health training through the PGY3 program that could be a springboard to new opportunities for international learners. There was also a lot of interest in the faculty-development opportunities, particularly in 'specialty-specific' training in leadership, advocacy and professionalism as well as in Professional Master's and CPD programs.

3.4 Vice-Deans, Education

A written report from the Education Vice-Deans is included in these minutes beginning on page 5.

4 Items for Approval

“THAT the Terms of Reference of the Appeals Committee be approved as submitted.”

Moved: G. Bandiera, Seconded: L. Wilson

Mr. Todd Coomber indicated that, due to an increase in the number of appeals being heard by the Faculty Council Appeals Committee, it is being proposed that the faculty compliment of the membership increase from 11 to 14 members. This, in conjunction with a reduction in quorum from 8 to 7 will make the scheduling of appeals easier, timelier, and put less burden on the members of this committee. The reduction in quorum will not impact the minimum voting number of members as the Chair only votes in the event of a tie so the minimum number of votes remains 7.

The motion passed.

“THAT the Terms of Reference of the Education Committee be approved as submitted.”

Moved: C. Evans, Seconded: A. Kaplan

Mr. Coomber noted that the Education Committee reviews, and approves on Council's behalf, Minor Modifications as defined in the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process. For the approval of trivial Minor Modifications, the addition of the option for a consent agenda will speed approval and allow more discussion time for more significant items.

The motion passed.

“THAT the Terms of Reference of the Research Committee be approved as submitted.”

Moved: S. Spadafora, Seconded: R. Hegele

Mr. Coomber noted this item, though not likely to be used frequently by the Research Committee, was being assed for the sake of consistence with the Education Committee.

The motion passed.

5 Standing Committee Annual Reports

5.1 PGME Board of Examiners

Dr. Jonathan Pirie submitted the report available in these minute beginning on page 30.

5.2 Research Committee

Dr. Mario Ostrowski indicated that the Research Committee met once this year to approve the proposals to recommend to Council the establishment of new Graduate Diploma in Health Research and to close the Centre for Integrative Medicine as an Extra-Departmental Unit type 'C'. In addition, the Research Committee recommended via electronic voting that the Terms of Reference of the Research Committee be approved as submitted.

5.2 Education Committee

Dr. Cathy Evans thanked the members of the Education Committee and noted that much of the focus of the Committee this year was renewing our programs to prepare graduates for the current & future realities of health care.

Dr. Evans noted that 16 new courses were approved on behalf of Faculty Council:

- 8 New courses of the MHS in Medical Genomics Program (MMG3001Y, MMG3002Y, MMG3003Y, MMG3004Y, MMG3005Y, MMG 3006Y, MMG 3007Y,MMG 3008Y)
- Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology Program-Cell and Molecular Biology of Cardiovascular Diseases (LMP1504H)
- The MHS in Translational Research in Health Sciences Program replaced KMD 1002H as a required course with Overview of Methods in Practices & Contexts (MSC 1002H).
- Advanced Topics in Cardiovascular Sciences – System Biology (JCV 3065H)
- Student Seminar Series II (IMM 2025H)
- Easton Seminar Series II (IMM 2050H)
- Collaboration and Commercialization in Physiology (PSL 4050H)
- A Quality Health System from Micro to Macro: Perspectives for Cancer Care (MSC 1515H)
- Fundamentals of Scripting for Health Science Communication (MSc 2014H)

In addition, a number of other Minor Program Modifications were approved on behalf of Council:

The Education Committee recommendations to Council the approval of the following items:

- Graduate Diploma in Health Research
- MSc in Occupational Sciences and Occupational Therapy expansion to UTM
- Terms of Reference Education Committee
- Terms of Reference Appeals Committee

6 Faculty Council Forum

Dr. Glen Bandiera and Dr. Sue Glover Takahashi presented the Faculty Council Forum on the PGME transition to competency based training.

7 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm