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Faculty Message

Times they are a-changing...

As we head into the Fall season many exciting and forward-thinking changes are happening within our Faculty. The official launch of our fourth medical academy (the Mississauga Academy of Medicine) occurred on November 1 at UTM with the opening of the Terrence Donnelly Health Sciences Complex. This event, hosted by President David Naylor and Vice President and Principal (UTM) Deep Saini, was attended by a prestigious group of dignitaries to recognize the exceptional gifts from two outstanding donors; Carlo Fidani and Terrence Donnelly. The podium included speeches from Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Deb Matthews, and Minister of Government Services, Harinder Takhar, Mayor Hazel McCallion, Chancellor David Peterson and the Chair of Governing Council, Richard Nunn, as well as Aleida ter Kuile, a Resident trainee in Family Medicine and Dean Catharine Whiteside. The enthusiasm and momentum that has been generated by this new academy at UTM and with our partner affiliate hospitals at Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre is a wonderful testament to the contributions from the public, our faculty, staff and students.

This event and the zeal of the students bode well for the Faculty as the entire undergraduate MD administration busily prepares for the accreditation visit by the LCME-CACMS team in May 2012. Many people across our entire Faculty have been deeply engaged in preparing the self study documents and compiling the database of information pertaining to each of the 128 standards set out by the LCME and CACMS. The database, a comprehensive students' report, and other sources have been reviewed by various institutional self-study committees, the membership of which has been drawn from across the entire Faculty of Medicine. There continues to be tremendous input from medical students, staff, and faculty to the self-study and I wish to thank all of the participants for their volunteerism and dedication to this important task, and most importantly Dr. Martin Schreiber and Ms. Jennifer Anderson, who are coordinating this immense project.

Another major effort is also underway with the planning for significant expansion of Graduate education. Acting Vice Dean, Graduate Affairs, Avrum Gotlieb is undertaking a forecasting process in order to maximize the Faculty's opportunities for growth in new and existing PhD and Professional Master's programs. The Faculty is also positioning itself to take advantage of the Provost's PhD Enhancement Fund (PPEF) Matching Program for which guidelines were issued on November 1, 2011.

As is noted later in this Med E Mail issue, the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (HPME) was approved by the Governing Council of the University of Toronto on October 27th to become an Extra Departmental Unit (EDU-A)-specifically, an Institute. The search for a Department Chair will now transition to a search for a Director of the Institute. This is a transformative moment in the life of HPME and one which warrants major congratulations to all involved. I especially wish to recognize the exceptional leadership of Professor Louise Lemieux-Charles, Chair of HPME.

As many of you have noticed, the Faculty is in the midst of a changeover in the senior leadership of several units. The composition of advisory committees and the call for nominees, as well as the advertisements for applications, form a

substantial portion of this newsletter, and we engage multiple staff, faculty and learners in the processes. Several Departments have been undergoing self studies and external reviews. The efforts of all in contributing to this work in short time frames, and your generous participation in committee meetings have been deeply appreciated by the Dean's Office. As a result, the Faculty's ability to meet the standards for the cyclical review of units established by the U of T Quality Assurance Framework is greatly enhanced. The summary of these activities since September 2011 are listed below. Once again I extend my thanks to all of you who are involved in this crucial work for the Faculty.

Chair / Director / Decanal Searches 2011-12:

- Biochemistry
- Health Policy, Management & Evaluation
- Immunology
- Medical Biophysics
- Medical Imaging
- Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences
- Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- Pharmacology & Toxicology
- Radiation Oncology
- Vice Dean, Continuing Education & Professional Development
- Musculoskeletal Centre (EDU-C)
- Wilson Centre (EDU-C)

Departmental / EDU External Reviews:

- September 2011 : Ophthalmology, Pharmacology & Toxicology
- October 2011 : Radiation Oncology, Medical Imaging
- November 2011 : Immunology, Heart & Stroke/Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence (EDU-C)
- December 2011 : Otolaryngology
- January 2011 : Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, Biochemistry, Medical Biophysics

Sarita Verma, Acting Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Acting Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

IN THE NEWS:

Mary Gospodarowicz, Chair
Department of Radiation
Oncology, participated in the
Global Task Force on Expanded
Access to Cancer Care and
Control

UofT Commemorates 90th
Anniversary of Insulin

Unhealthy Habits in Teens Raise
Risk of Heart Disease

Safeguarding Health at
Restaurants

Mississauga Academy of
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item or a research or education award announcement placed in MedEmail please forward it by e-mail to [Jennifer Holland](#).

1. In Memoriam

Dr. Abhijit Guha (Department of Surgery) passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. Dr. Guha was an accomplished surgeon-scientist at the Toronto Western Hospital who contributed to developing a neurosurgery hospital in India. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

2. Faculty Council

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Meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine

A meeting of Faculty Council will be held on **Monday, November 21, 2011**, at 4:00 p.m. in the **Red Room, Donnelly Centre**, University of Toronto.

Agenda

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting of Faculty Council - September 26, 2011** Speaker
 - 1.1. Business Arising
2. **Report from the Speaker** Speaker
 - 2.1. Deputy Speaker Nominees
3. **Reports from the Dean's Office**
 - 3.1. Report from the Dean's Office S.Verma
 - 3.2. Vice-Dean, Research & International Relations A. Buchan
 - 3.3. Vice-Deans, Education S. Spadafora
4. **For Information**
 - 4.1. Proposed Changes to Faculty of Medicine Constitution and Bylaws
5. **For Information and Discussion**
 - 5.1. Faculty Appointments Advisory Committee Revisions A. Gotlieb
6. **New Business**
 - 6.1. Education Committee I. Witterick
 - "That the proposal for the Graduation Hoods for BScPA Program be approved as submitted"
 - "That the Indigenous Medical Students Admissions Pathway be approved as submitted" M. Hanson
7. **Reports of Standing Committees**
 - 7.1. CEPD Committee J. Meuser
 - 7.2. Medical Radiation Science Board of Examiners R. Tsang
 - 7.3 Undergraduate Medical Education Board of Examiners M. Wiley
8. **Faculty Council Forum**

9. **Adjournment**

Speaker

Next Meeting: February 27, 2012

3. Honours and Awards

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American Medical Writer's Association Medical Book Award 2011

Dr. Robert Buckman, who passed away mid-October (see [MedEmail Volume 20, Number 4](#)), was the recipient of the American Medical Writer's Association (AMWA) Medical Book Award for 2011 for the "Books for Health Care Professionals - Physicians" category. The AMWA is the leading professional organization for written medical information. The book awards were established over 30 years ago to acknowledge exceptional fictional and non-fictional medical writing.

Pomeranian Medical University (Poland) Honorary Degree

On October 3, 2011, **Dr. Steven Narod** (Department of Medicine), a senior scientist at Women's College Research Institute and a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Breast Cancer, was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Pomeranian Medical University in Poland. The honour recognizes his long-standing and influential contribution to hereditary breast cancer research, in particular through his collaboration with the university's International Hereditary Cancer Center. This collaboration has published nearly 100 peer-reviewed articles on various aspects of hereditary breast and ovarian cancer.

Ivey Global Health Conference Student Video Contest

Two undergraduate medical students, **Victoria Leung** and **Erica Merman**, are the winners of the 2011 Ivey Global Health Conference Student Video Contest. The purpose of the contest was to stimulate students to be creative and develop an innovation to improve health care systems. Their video focused on the need for individuals to be aware of proper hand hygiene and the need to improve compliance with hand hygiene best practices. Victoria and Erica have been invited to attend the Ivey Global Health Conference in November 2011, where the video will be presented.

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Fellow

The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) named **Dr. Angela Colantonio** (Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy), a Fellow of the ACRM in recognition of her significant contributions to the field of medical rehabilitation and to the ACRM. Fellows of ACRM have made sustained contributions of national significance to the field of medical rehabilitation through clinical practice, research, education, or administration and have demonstrated exemplary service to the ACRM. The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine is dedicated to serving the needs of people with disabling conditions by providing research that promotes health, independence, productivity and quality of life. The ACRM is a leader in promoting innovative rehabilitation research, disseminating timely clinical information and

assisting with transfer of technology.

Society for Cardiovascular Pathology Distinguished Achievement Award

Professor Avrum Gotlieb is the recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award, 2012 from the Society for Cardiovascular Pathology, Boston Massachusetts. This International Society was established in 1985 and is devoted to the advancement of the study of cardiovascular disorders, especially with respect to pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment.

Hypertension Canada Certificate of Excellence

Dr. Mary L'Abbe, Chair and Professor of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, has received the Hypertension Canada Certificate of Excellence in October 2011. The Hypertension Canada Certificate of Excellence is presented to individuals or organizations in recognition of their outstanding efforts and contributions in Canada through increased public awareness, prevention or control of hypertension.

Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Faculty Professional Development Day Awards

Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

This award is given to faculty members at the department's affiliate hospitals, who have received the highest teaching evaluation scores from our undergraduate medical students for the recent academic year. There were seven recipients of this year's award: **Rory Windrim, Sabrina Lee, Sybil Judah, Tatiana Freire-Lizama, Richard Pittini, Tara MacLeod, and Jason Dodge.**

Chair's Awards

Janet Bodley: Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award

Jacqueline Thomas: Excellence in Postgraduate Teaching

Heather Shapiro: Excellence in Postgraduate Program Development/Innovation

May Alarab: Outstanding Research Potential

Sari Kives: Excellence in Research Facilitation

Kellie Murphy: Sustained Excellence in Research

Wendy Whittle: Excellence in CME Teaching

Jacqueline Thomas: Excellence in CME Course Coordination

Master Teacher Award

This award is presented to a faculty member who has to date received a total of three Undergraduate Teaching Awards demonstrating sustained excellence in undergraduate teaching and long-standing contribution to the education program. This year the recipients of the Master Teacher Award are **Rory Windrim** and **Jason Dodge.**

Youth Agent of Change

Joshua Liu (1T3) was selected as a winner of the 2011 Youth Agents of Change Competition, hosted by the Centre for Social Innovation. This competition was open to all youth, aged 19-29, and recognizes their work in social innovation. Joshua currently co-leads a project at the UHN Centre for Innovation in Complex Care, and serves as the Director of SMARTS, a national youth science network, which he founded in 2004. Joshua was also named as one of Canada's "Top 20 under 20" in 2007. For more

information, please visit <http://socialinnovation.ca/agentsofchange youth>.

4. Announcements

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Director, Wilson Centre for Research in Education

The Faculty of Medicine and the University Health Network are partnering to search for a new Director of the Wilson Centre for Research in Education (EDU-C). The Advisory Committee struck to guide the search has been revised. The revised committee is as follows:

Sarita Verma (Co-Chair), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Brian Hodges (Co-Chair), Vice-President, Education, University Health Network
Mathieu Albert, Interim Director, Wilson Centre for Research in Education
Mariana Arteaga, Wilson Centre for Research in Education
Simon Kitto, Wilson Centre for Research in Education
Ayelet Kuper, Wilson Centre for Research in Education
Vicki LeBlanc, Wilson Centre for Research in Education
Jerry Maniate, St Joseph's Health Centre and Wilson Centre for Research in Education
Tina Martimianakis, Dept. of Paediatrics
Carol-Anne Moulton, Wilson Centre for Research in Education
Joy Richards, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing
Sal Spadafora, Vice-Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine
Walter Tavares, Wilson Centre for Research in Education
Stasey Tobin, Wilson Centre for Research in Education

The committee encourages and welcomes input. Please send comments and nominations to Anastasia Meletopoulos, Academic Affairs Specialist, at anastasia.meletopoulos@utoronto.ca. Your opinions will be treated in strictest confidence and will be made known only to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Director, Wilson Centre for Research in Education.

Department of Health Policy Management and Evaluation (HPME)

The Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation is pleased to announce that it has received formal approval to become an EDU: - specifically, the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. The Governing Council of the University of Toronto approved the change at its October 27th meeting.

This is an exciting step forward for the Department. It will create new opportunities to build on HPME's interdisciplinary strengths and formalize collaborations with academic, research and policy partners across UofT and beyond the university. It will also create a higher level of visibility - enhancing interdisciplinary partnership and fundraising opportunities for the future.

HPME will implement the change in mid-November. The new status will not affect the Department's faculty, degree programs, concentrations and courses.

Insulin: Toronto's Gift to the World

On October 28, 2011 the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) provided a story on Sir Frederick Banting, who discovered insulin. The segment can be viewed at the link below.

http://www.cbc.ca/video/#/News/TV_Shows/The_National/1233408557/ID=2161337610

New Handbook for Teachers in the Undergraduate Medical Education (MD) Program

The Undergraduate Medical Education program is pleased to announce that it has recently launched a new informational handbook for all of its teachers. The handbook is available on the UME website at: www.md.utoronto.ca/handbook.

This publication is intended as a comprehensive resource on all matters related to teaching in UME, from the goals and objectives of the program to what to do if you have a question or encounter a problem. The handbook also features information on the different types of teaching and assessment in UME, course descriptions, e-resources, a number of policies of relevance to teachers, and a complete UME directory.

The file is fully searchable by keyword and includes bookmarks for easy navigation. After opening the handbook, click the blue question mark on the first page for tips. The file can also be saved to your computer for access at any time.

The UME program hopes that this new reference guide will be useful to both current and prospective teachers, and encourages everyone in the Faculty of Medicine to browse through it. A companion student version is currently in development as well.

While visiting the program's website at www.md.utoronto.ca, teachers may also wish to take a few moments to familiarize themselves with the site's new structure and content, in particular the comprehensive list of policies (choose "Policies" on the menu bar).

UME is grateful to its thousands of dedicated teachers, and invites your feedback on ways to strengthen this new tool in subsequent editions. Comments may be forwarded to jen.anderson@utoronto.ca.

Earthtones Benefit Concert 2011

Earthtones 2011 presents the 12th annual evening of live music in support of international children's health initiatives. Award winning Actress Sheila McCarthy of CBC's *Little Mosque on the Prairie* returns as host. This benefit concert is a dynamic evening featuring the incredible musical talents of students and faculty members from the University of Toronto Health Sciences Faculties

Date: November 19, 2011 at 7 pm

Location: Convocation Hall U of T

Tickets are **\$10.00 for students and \$15.00 for non-students** can be purchased from www.earthtones2011.ca

EarthTones was founded in December 2000 by the enthusiastic students and staff of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto with the desire to support initiatives for children in need all around the world. This year's proceeds will benefit Community Initiative & Social Support Organization, or CISSO, and Bringing About Better Understanding (BABU). CISSO works to empower poor, rural, HIV/AIDS ravaged communities in Kenya by improving access to education and information. Founded by University of Toronto medical students, BABU is seeking to equip local hospitals in Nepal with proper hand washing stations and promote infection control and hygiene. For more information please visit www.earthtones2011.ca or contact earthtones2011@gmail.com

5. Call for Applications

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Director, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Director, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. For position (Faculty Job # 1101057) and contact details, visit <http://www.jobs.utoronto.ca/faculty>.

Chair, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. For position (Faculty Job # 1101058) and contact details, visit <http://www.jobs.utoronto.ca/faculty>.

Chair, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair, Department of Otolaryngology. For position (Clinical Job # 1101060) and contact details, visit <http://www.jobs.utoronto.ca/faculty>.

6. Call for Nominations

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Faculty of Medicine Continuing Education Awards 2010-2011

This is a reminder that nominations are now being requested for the Faculty's Continuing Education Awards for 2010-2011. These six awards provide an opportunity for the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine faculty to be recognized for their outstanding achievement in program development, research, on-line education, teaching excellence, and long-term contributions to continuing education. The awards are named for exceptional University Toronto Faculty recognized internationally for their scholarly contributions to the field of continuing education and professional development.

The six named awards are:

1. The Colin Woolf Award for Excellence in Teaching
2. The Colin Woolf Award for Excellence in Course Coordination
3. The Colin Woolf Award for Long-Term Contributions to Continuing Education
4. The Fred Fallis Award for Excellence in Online Education
5. The David Fear Fellowship
6. The Dave Davis Award for Excellence in Research

These awards are presented to worthy faculty following a rigorous peer review process.

Please submit, **by Monday, November 14, 2011**, the names of faculty in your Department and the Continuing Education programs they have developed which you feel are worthy of a CEPD award. In addition, we have extended the deadline for receipt of materials supporting nomination(s) to **Wednesday, November 30, 2011** (was formerly October 31).

We are also providing a link to the U of T CEPD Website that provides criteria for each award and the nomination submission process: http://www.cepd.utoronto.ca/?page_id=222

Annual Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards

The Faculty of Medicine will award up to 3 graduate faculty teaching awards annually. The purpose is to honour and celebrate outstanding contributions to graduate education by full time faculty in the Faculty of Medicine who teach in doctoral stream or professional graduate programs. The award will consist of a framed certificate, a cash prize and formal recognition at the Faculty of Medicine Educational Achievement Event on April 30, 2012.

Categories (one award in each category):

Sustained contribution (more than 5 years) to excellence in graduate teaching

This award recognizes sustained contribution(s) to any aspect of graduate teaching including a course, curriculum development, graduate program administration, graduate student supervision or academic role modeling. This individual should demonstrate regular support of their Graduate Departmental activities including participation in seminars, annual scientific days and significant contribution to service on student committees including thesis examinations.

Graduate student mentorship

This award recognizes sustained (more than 5 years) contribution to graduate student mentorship exemplified by but not limited to: major contribution to graduate student learning; enthusiastic and empathic critical appraisal of students' work; timely assessment of students' research programs including program advisory committee meetings and prompt turnaround of written work; and, careful attention to a critical path laid out for students' research.

Early career excellence

This award recognizes outstanding contribution to the training and experience of graduate students, as evidenced by excellence in teaching, supervision or mentorship and dedication to students. This award is restricted to Faculty in the early stages of their career within 5 years of their initial SGS appointment.

Eligibility

The nominee must hold a full time primary appointment in the Faculty of Medicine and be either an associate or full member of the School of Graduate Studies. Contributions to teaching in either the doctoral (thesis MSc or PhD) or professional graduate programs will be considered.

Nomination

Candidates for these awards must be nominated by a Graduate Department through a student (or recent graduate)-initiated process. **Please Note: Each Graduate Department may only nominate ONE faculty member per award category.**

Nomination Deadline: December 9, 2011 (Note: Each Graduate Department will have an earlier internal deadline)

Further Information: <http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/programs/graduate/award.htm>

Contact: debbie.chau@utoronto.ca

2012 Awards of Excellence

Nominations for the 2012 Awards of Excellence are now open to any member of the University of Toronto community. There are seven awards available and the Faculty strongly encourages staff, students and faculty members to nominate colleagues for these awards.

The Faculty of Medicine will run an internal competition for four of these awards which

require decanal support. These awards recognize faculty members who have achieved excellence in both teaching and research or in leadership.

The awards are:

Faculty Award

A \$1,000 prize recognizing excellence in teaching, research, and professional endeavours. View the [Award Guidelines](#) and the [Faculty Award nomination form](#) here.

Carolyn Tuohy Impact on Public Policy Award

A \$1,500 prize recognizing excellence in teaching, research, and the impact of scholarship on public policy. View the [Award Guidelines](#) and the [Tuohy Award nomination form](#) here.

Northrop Frye Award (2)

A \$2,000 award given to a faculty member and a \$6,000 award given to a Department or Division, recognizing distinguished achievements in linking teaching and research. View the [Award Guidelines](#) and the [Frye Award nomination form](#) here.

Vivek Goel Faculty Citizenship Award

An award of up to \$2,500 given to a faculty member who has served the university with distinction in multiple leadership capacities, including committees, governance bodies and external organizations complementary to the university's academic mission. View the [Award Guidelines](#) and the [Goel Award nomination form](#) here.

Nominations for these awards are due by **Monday, November 14, 2011** via email to the Faculty Council c/o Todd Coomber (todd.coomber@utoronto.ca). Nominations must include a description of why the nominee fits the selection criteria and, with the exception of the Northrop Frye Departmental award, all nominations must be accompanied by an up to date CV. For the Northrop Frye Departmental award, the nomination must also include supporting material. The Faculty will then assist in the coordination of the complete nomination package.

Nominations for the other three awards are strongly encouraged. The deadline for these awards is **December 9, 2011**. Please see award guidelines for the nomination process.

Chancellor's Award

Two \$1,000 prizes for outstanding contributions by an administrative staff member. View the [Award Guidelines](#) and the [Chancellor's Award nomination form](#) here.

Joan E. Foley Quality of Student Experience Award

A \$1,000 award given to a student, alumnus/a, administrative staff or faculty member who has made significant contribution to improving the quality of academic or extra-curricular student life on campus. View the [Award Guidelines](#) and the [Foley Award nomination form](#) here.

Ludwik and Estelle Jus Memorial Human Rights Prize

A \$1,500 prize recognizing positive and lasting contributions to education and action in the fight against discrimination. Faculty, staff, and students may be nominated for this award. View the [Award Guidelines](#) and the [Jus Prize nomination form](#) here.

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Parkinson Society of Canada

~ *Our congratulations to all!* ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

November

Canada's Top 40 Under 40
Harvey Prize

December

Royal Society of Canada Fellowship
Albert Einstein World Award of Science
Kavli Prize

January

Henry G Friesen International Prize in Health Research

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