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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Valuing academic performance of Medicine at U of T is central to our success as an institution focused on excellence. Evaluation, feedback and recognition of the contributions of every faculty member, staff and students are essential to support the continual improvement of every individual, program and department. External recognition is perhaps one of the most important metrics of performance.

The Faculty of Medicine is preparing for the accreditation review of our undergraduate MD program. This occurs every 8 years by the accreditation bodies of Canada and the USA which set the bar for performance by Faculties of Medicine across North America, assuring the highest quality of curriculum delivery and outcomes. We are required to undertake an extensive self-study of all aspects of our Faculty with particular focus on the management and support of teaching and learning of MD students. Our last accreditation in 2004 was highly successful.

Over the past 7 years, our MD program has experienced many changes including the planning and implementation the Mississauga Academy of Medicine and the agreement of our Medical School to apply the recommendations of the *Future of Medical Education in Canada* into the curriculum. The 128 standards for the accreditation of our Faculty have continued to evolve and require both clear articulation of outcomes-based learning goals and objectives, and how they are to be achieved, in an environment that requires collaborative partnership with affiliated health care institutions and other health care providers. To complete our comprehensive self-study, a brief faculty survey will be conducted in the next few weeks. The faculty survey will probe knowledge and understanding about our MD program and other aspects of our Faculty life. I wish to thank, in advance for their participation, all the faculty members who will be surveyed. The self-study committee will also undertake further engagement of the undergraduate MD program leaders to better understand their perceptions and analysis of the function of our Faculty including governance and academic management.

Educating the next generation of health professionals is a privilege and a great responsibility. A major part of critical evaluation of any academic program is providing opportunity for our learners to provide honest and candid feedback to their teachers, program directors and academic leaders. As part of the self-study the Faculty has received a thoughtful and extremely helpful evaluation from our medical students who conducted their own survey. The Faculty leadership takes their comments and recommendations for improvement very seriously and are most grateful for their time and effort. It is gratifying to know that our students highly value the vast majority of the MD program.

Part of the hidden curriculum is the education our students receive outside the classroom or clinical teaching units. Recently, the Medical Society and the Office of Health Professions Student Affairs recognized and celebrated those student leaders of "Community Programs" who have volunteered countless hours in establishing and managing

opportunities for their colleagues across the health professions at U of T to engage in community service activities. Among these is the award-winning Inter-professional Medical and Allied Groups for Improving Neighbourhood Environments (IMAGINE) clinic; an inter-professional drop-in clinic that aims to provide holistic care to the underserved and homeless populations of downtown Toronto. This community engagement learning is perhaps one of the most valuable and valued experiences for our health professions students. The Faculty celebrates this remarkable achievement of our students, who are helping Medicine at U of T fulfill its social responsibility by addressing the issues of those with some of the most urgent needs. The volunteer work of our students is perhaps the most important opportunity for them to learn first hand about the relevance of social determinants of health.

Catharine Whiteside, Dean, Faculty of Medicine
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1. Honours and Awards

The Michener Institute Honorary Diploma of Health Science.

Dr. Vivek Goel, the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, is this year's recipient of The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences Honorary Diploma of Health Science. Michener Honorary Diplomas of Health Science are awarded to individuals who demonstrate leadership and commitment to the applied health sciences, as well as those dedicated to the advancement of applied health sciences education. Recipients are selected by Michener's Board of Governors and the honorary diploma will be conferred at Michener's annual graduation ceremony on June 25, 2011. Dr. Vivek Goel is President and CEO of Public Health Ontario (formerly the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion). Prior to joining Public Health Ontario, he served as Vice-President and Provost at the University of Toronto and was instrumental in shepherding the 2008 Memorandum of Understanding between Michener and the University of Toronto. Dr. Goel also previously taught at The Michener Institute. He has been engaged in research activities related to public health, with particular focus on chronic disease prevention and control.

Ontario Genomics Institute Societal Impact of Genomics Prize

Professor Abdallah S. Daar and Dr. Sarah Ali-Khan of the McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health (MRC), University Health Network and University of Toronto, are the 2011 recipients of the Ontario Genomics Institute Societal Impact of Genomics Prize. This acknowledgement is in recognition of their research in genomics and race. Since the Human Genome Project was completed in 2000, there has been debate in biomedical literature

about the use of race and ethnicity in genetic research potentially resulting in racial/ethnic stereotyping. Drs. Daar and Ali-Khan examined the 2005 Admixture Mapping study, which looked for risk factors for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in African Americans and European Americans, a disease that is extremely rare in Sub-Saharan Africans, common in populations of European descent, and of intermediate frequency in African Americans. Drs. Daar and Ali-Khan examined the ethical and social issues raised by the Admixture Mapping project and used these to draw up a series of recommendations and points for policy makers and researchers to consider when undertaking population-based genomics studies. The paper, titled [Admixture mapping: from paradigms of race and ethnicity to population history](#), published in August 2010 in the HUGO Journal, examined the social and ethical issues, the benefits and the risks of Admixture Mapping, and more generally, of population-based genomic methods.

The Royal Society of Canada

Established in 1882, the Royal Society of Canada is an institution devoted to recognizing excellence in learning and research, as well as recognizing accomplishments in the arts, humanities and sciences. This year, three members of the Faculty of Medicine are being acknowledged for their contributions.

Dr. Anthony Lang (Department of Medicine) for his internationally renowned clinical and research work in the fields of Parkinson's disease and other Movement Disorders. Between 2001 and 2010 he was the most cited author in the world in Parkinson's disease.

Dr. James Rutka (Chair, Department of Surgery) for his work in the molecular biology of human brain tumors. He has published over 300 peer reviewed articles, and received over \$10 million research funding.

Dr. Frank Sicheri (Department of Molecular Genetics) for his use of x-ray crystallography to understand how signaling proteins compose communication pathways in the cell and how the dysregulation of signaling proteins contributes to human disease.

Canadian Society of Internal Medicine Osler Award

Dr. Daniel M. Panisko (UME Director, Department of Medicine, and Director, Master Teacher Program) is the recipient of the 2011 Canadian Society of Internal Medicine Osler Award. This annual award honours physicians in GIM who achieve excellence in clinical practice, research, medical education, or specialty development. The Master Teacher Program at the University of Toronto is a two year faculty development course aimed at providing scholarly advancement in clinical teaching. The Master Teacher Program itself has won faculty-wide awards; its graduates, from multiple departments across Canadian Faculties of Medicine, have presented their work at national and international meetings.

Dr. Panisko has been an outstanding teacher in the Faculty of Medicine for over twenty years, with evaluations and awards placing him among the top teachers at the University of Toronto. He was nominated for the Osler Award by CEEP co-founders Drs. Rodrigo Cavalcanti and Herbert Ho Ping Kong, who have had the privilege of working along side Danny for many years. Dr Cavalcanti reflects on benefitting from Dr. Panisko's teaching and mentorship: "the innumerable pearls of wisdom and knowledge that he generously shared with me during those first few years have served as a foundation for my

practice". Dr. Panisko's "encyclopaedic knowledge", enthusiasm and dedication for teaching, along with his caring and thoughtful teaching style are only a few of the characteristics of this outstanding educational leader.

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Chair, Department of Biochemistry

Professor Reinhart Reithmeier will be completing his second and final term as Chair of the Department of Biochemistry. In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," an Advisory Committee has been struck to guide the search for Professor Reithmeier's successor. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Sarita Verma (Co-Chair), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Alison Buchan (Co-Chair), Vice-Dean, Research and International Relations, Faculty of Medicine
Liliana Attisano, Dept. of Biochemistry
Jonathan Cook, Dept. of Biochemistry
Alan Davidson, Associate Chair, Dept of Molecular Genetics
Eden Fussner, Dept. of Biochemistry
Avrum Gotlieb, Acting Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine
Sergio Grinstein, Dept. of Biochemistry
Lynne Howell, The Hospital for Sick Children
Shana Kelley, Dept. of Biochemistry
Stephen Matthews, Chair, Dept. of Physiology
Angus McGuibban, Dept. of Biochemistry

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 Chair, Department of Biochemistry.

Chair, Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation

Professor Louise Lemieux-Charles will be completing her second term as Chair of the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation on June 30, 2012; she is ineligible for reappointment. In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," an Advisory Committee has been struck to guide the search for Professor Lemieux-Charles's successor. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Catharine Whiteside (Co-Chair), Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Sarita Verma (Co-Chair), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Ahmed Bayoumi, Dept. of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation
Whitney Berta, Dept. of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation
Aleem Bhanji, Dept. of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation
Raisa Deber, Dept. of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation
Jenna Evans, Dept. of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation
Avrum Gotlieb, Acting Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine
Henry Mann, Dean, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy
Joseph Mapa, President and CEO, Mount Sinai Hospital
Linda McGillis Hall, Acting Dean and Associate Dean, Research and External

Relations, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing
Tina Smith, Dept. of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation
Jack Tu, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

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Chair, Department of Immunology

Professor Michael Ratcliffe will be completing his second term as Chair of the Department of Immunology on December 31, 2011; he is ineligible for reappointment. In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," an Advisory Committee has been struck to guide the search for Professor Ratcliffe's successor. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Catharine Whiteside (Co-Chair), Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Alison Buchan (Co-Chair), Vice-Dean, Research and International Relations, Faculty of Medicine
Jennifer Gommerman, Dept. of Immunology
Avrum Gotlieb, Acting Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine
Michael Julius, Vice-President, Research, Sunnybrook Research Institute
Gary Levy, Director, University of Toronto Transplantation Institute and Toronto General Hospital
Alberto Martin, Dept. of Immunology
Amanda Moore, Dept. of Immunology
Paul Santerre, Director, Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering
Katherine Siminovitch, Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital
Tania Watts, Dept. of Immunology
Joan Wither, Dept. of Immunology
Jerry Zhou, Dept. of Immunology

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Chair, Department of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery

Professor Patrick Gullane will be completing his second term as Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery on June 30, 2012; he is ineligible for reappointment. In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," an Advisory Committee has been struck to guide the search for Professor Gullane's successor. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Catharine Whiteside (Co-Chair), Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Sarita Verma (Co-Chair), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Jennifer Anderson, Dept. of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery
Eric Aruda, Dept. of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery
Alan Bocking, Chair, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Joseph Chen, Dept. of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery
Ralph Gilbert, Dept. of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery
Jennifer Guillemaud, Dept. of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery
Jonathan Irish, Dept. of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery
Shaf Keshavjee, University Health Network
Oakley Smith, Dept. of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery
Sal Spadafora, Vice-Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine

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Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology

In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators" the Advisory Committee struck to guide the search for Professor Mary Gospodarowicz's successor has been revised. The revised committee is as follows:

Catharine Whiteside (Co-Chair), Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Sarita Verma (Co-Chair), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Robert Bell, President and CEO, University Health Network
Patrice Bret, Chair, Department of Medical Imaging
Robert G. Bristow, Dept. of Radiation Oncology
Gregory Czarnota, Dept. of Radiation Oncology
Meredith Giuliani, Dept. of Radiation Oncology
David Jaffray, Vice-Chair, Dept. of Radiation Oncology
Veny Li, Dept. of Radiation Oncology
Barry McLellan, President and CEO, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Cathryne Palmer, Dept. of Radiation Oncology
Linda Rabeneck, Cancer Care Ontario

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). An Advisory Committee has been struck to guide the search. The composition of the 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
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

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Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada
Cystic Fibrosis Canada
Foundation Fighting Blindness
Grant Miller Cancer Research Grant - Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada - New Investigator Award
Kidney Foundation of Canada
Ministry of Research and Innovation (Ontario) - Early Researcher Awards - Round 7
Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada
The Terry Fox Foundation - Team Grant

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

Upcoming Award Deadlines

September

Pezcoller Foundation-AACR International Award for Cancer Research
Rolf Luft Award (in Diabetes & Endocrinology)
March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology
Holberg International Memorial Prize
InBev-Baillet Latour Health Prize
Royal Society (UK) Fellows
National Academy of Science, Member
Sloan Research Fellows
Warren Alpert Foundation Prize

October

Gairdner Awards
March of Dimes Jonas Salk Award
Blue Planet Prize

November

Canada's Top 40 Under 40
Harvey Prize

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