



RFHS FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Remotely via ZOOM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Welcome:

The meeting was called to order and quorum (60) was achieved (151 attendees).

Dean Postl welcomed guests President Dr. Michael Benarroch and Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Diane Hiebert-Murphy to the meeting.

2. President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Michael Benarroch and Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Diane Hiebert-Murphy addressed the members:

Dr. Benarroch advised that the addendum to the Strategic Plan is now available and will help guide the work to be done over the next 12-18 months. Distinguished Professor Tina Chen is the inaugural Executive Lead (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) at the UM and is moving forward on the recommendations in the report. Reconciliation and Indigenous research are being advanced under the leadership of Vice-President (Indigenous) Dr. Catherine Cook and her team. We have received the funding letter from the Provincial government and a letter was sent to the community. Funds will be provided for the expansion of the Nursing faculty. Tuition rates and fees will increase an average of 3.75% and we remain one of the most affordable institutions in Canada. Regarding the COVID mandate, in consultation with members of RFHS, we are maintaining the mask mandate and will continue to monitor and adapt as needed. We continue to encourage vaccination and may bring back some vaccination clinics to campus. We are in the process of updating the ventilation systems across the University. We have had the entire university ventilations systems tested and spent considerable resources to upgrade the filtration systems.

Dr. Hiebert-Murphy thanked everyone for the work done to offer the best quality of education under COVID. Senate has approved the extended Strategic Plan and we want to focus on how we can support moving the University towards goals identified through that consultation process. We want to encourage and work with units to reflect on what we have learned; how best to use technology to enhance learning; and address some accessibility challenges. We are concerned about the impact of COVID on research. We are working with VPRI to be sure we are supporting researchers. We are working on supporting our grad students, reconciliation and EDI. We are planning more opportunities for engagement on working groups to ensure both campuses are represented.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved as circulated with no changes.

4. Approval of the Minutes of November 24, 2020:

Peter Cattini **MOVED**, seconded by Kevin Coombs, **THAT** the minutes of November 24, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Dean's Report on Faculty Executive Council decisions:

The Dean provided a verbal report on the decisions made since the last meeting of the full Faculty Council on November 24, 2020. Since that time, the Faculty Executive Council met on two occasions in 2021: February 2 and August 24. The May 4 meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items. In 2022, FEC met on January 25.

Decisions made at FEC included:

- Thirteen Professors Emeritus/a and Dean Emeritus were approved;
- Interdisciplinary Health Program Course modifications and Admission changes were approved:
 - Modifications to BHSc and BHSt (to reduce size of electives; development of new course; changes by Faculty of Science to undergraduate chemistry courses);
 - Advanced entry admission requirements for BHSt degree (HEAL 1500, 1502)
- Course Modifications to the Interdisciplinary Health Program were approved (HEAL 2600, 3610; HEAL 4500 deleted);
- The Interdisciplinary Health Program Council Bylaw revisions were approved;
- Interdisciplinary Health Program Course modifications to the BHSc and BHSt were approved:
 - BHSc revisions:
 1. Addition of ANAT 4010 as a required course in year 4.
 2. Removal of 3 credit hours of free electives.
 3. Reorder of footnotes in program chart.
 4. Deletion of SWRK 1310, introduction of SWRK 1200 and SWRK 2040.
 - BHSt revisions:
 1. Reorder footnotes in program chart.
 2. Deletion of SWRK 1310, SWRK 2050, SWRK 2080, SWRK 2110, SWRK 2130 and SWRK 3130; introduction of SWRK 1200, SWRK 1210, SWRK 1220, SWRK 1230, SWRK 1240, SWRK 2030, SWRK 2040 and SWRK 4298.

6. Standing Committee Reports:

6.1 Local Discipline Committee Report

Laura MacDonald provided an overview of the Committee's Annual Report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

6.2 Nominating Governance Committee Report

Marie Edwards provided an overview of the Committee's Annual Report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

7. New Business:

Dean Postl suggested that due to the high response to virtual meetings, we may continue to use this format in the future.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Recorder: Brenda Peterson